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Stay safe in the sun

As soon as the warm weather arrives we all want to go out and enjoy it – and why shouldn't we? We all spend far too much time in air conditioned offices gazing wistfully out of the window.

But whether we are enjoying some sun in the Med or in our back garden we still need to protect ourselves.

Skin cancer is one of the most common cancers in the UK. Right now, around 1,700 people are being treated for malignant melanoma and other skin cancers in the eastern and coastal Kent region.

Most skin cancers are caused by damage from sunburn and could easily be prevented.

1. Apply sunblocks or sunscreens with high sun protection factors (at least factor 15).
2. Take extra care with children – use factor 30 plus. For babies use factor 50 plus.
3. Apply generously and reapply frequently, especially after activities such as swimming or towelling.
4. Wear a wide-brimmed hat to reduce exposure to the face, eyes, head and neck.
5. Limit the amount of time you spend in the sun, particularly between 11am and 3pm.



6. Cover skin with clothing giving good protection - examples are longsleeved shirts and loose clothing with a close weave.
7. Seek shade, but remember sunburn can occur even when in partial shade or when cloudy.
8. Wear wrap-around sunglasses.
9. Remember certain prescribed drugs, medicines, foods, cosmetics and plant materials can also make people more sensitive to sunlight.

Coping with sunburn

Sunburn is when your skin overheats and becomes red and painful and may later peel or blister.

If you get sunburn:

- Cool the skin down by dabbing it with a cool, wet towel or tissue.
- If really bad, take a quick cold shower.
- Don't go back into the sun until you've healed.
- Drink plenty of fluids to replace the water lost through sweating and to cool down.
- Apply calamine or after-sun lotion.
- For adults, painkillers such as paracetamol or ibuprofen can help relieve pain and reduce swelling.

Be prepared for a heatwave

IT'S not just the sun that can be our foe as well as our friend. Continued humidity, especially during a heatwave, can be dangerous too.

The heat can affect anyone, but some people run a greater risk of serious harm, especially the very young, older people and those with serious illnesses.

It can make heart and respiratory problems worse and in extreme cases can lead to heat stroke, which can be fatal.

To stay safe:

10. Keep an eye on children, vulnerable friends and neighbours.
11. Keep plenty of water to hand and stay in the shade where possible.
12. Shut and shade windows when it is hotter outside and open them for ventilation when cooler.
13. Avoid doing things that need lots of effort like sport, DIY or gardening.
14. People with serious health problems (for example heart conditions), should avoid going out in the heat, especially between 11am and 3pm.

15. Drink cold drinks like water or fruit juice regularly and avoid tea, coffee and alcohol.

16. Stay tuned to the weather forecast and plan ahead with supplies – think of elderly neighbours who may need help with supplies.

17. Identify the coolest room in the house to cool down or sleep in.

18. People with respiratory problems should stay inside during the hottest part of the day.



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CHANNEL FIT FOR HEROES

Members of the Battle Back team get ready to take part in a 22-mile relay race across the Channel as part of a programme to offer training and sports opportunities to injured soldiers. Guardsman Scott Blaney of the Grenadier Guards, who lost a leg in an explosion in Afghanistan two years ago, and Senior Aircraftman Mike Goody, who suffered shrapnel wounds to his leg last October, were part of a six-man team which set off from Dover harbour on Monday night.

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■ BY GARETH DORRIAN

CENTENARY celebrations to commemorate a pioneering airman could parachute almost £1 million into the Dover economy.

Dover 2009's Blériot – The Celebration is set to draw thousands of people to the town for a dizzying two days of daredevil flying and family fun this weekend.

Hotels, restaurants and shops are set to reap the rewards as flying fans flock to Kent.

District council leader Paul Watkins said: "We think about 35,000 people will come to Dover for the Blériot celebration."

"It's going to be a terrifically exciting weekend. This event has international pedigree and the local economy will benefit greatly. For a few days Dover will become the focus of attention. It will create a phenomenal sum for the town."

Chief executive Nadeem Aziz echoed the council leader's hopes. He said: "Weather permitting, Dover will be absolutely rammed with flying enthusiasts. People from all over the world are coming to stay and spend money."

"It's hard to estimate how much will be made for the local economy, but if you think about when the golf Open was at Sandwich a few years back, more than 300,000 people came to the region."

"A study was done about how much was spent and it was nearly £70 million. Obviously, Blériot is a much smaller event, but our hotels and restaurants will do great business. People who live in the area will benefit because there

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New port exit road opens in time for peak holiday traffic

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

A NEW exit road which will speed up traffic leaving the port and save hauliers up to £12,000 has opened in time for the peak holiday season.

Freight traffic heading for the A20 will see average peak exit times slashed from just under nine minutes to a little over one-and-a-half minutes.

Ferry passengers will also see improvements with exit times up to four times faster than the current five minutes, to just under one-and-a-half minutes.

The 200-metre slip road has one lane of traffic feeding into the near-side lane of the A20 westbound carriageway and more than 70,000 passengers were expected to pass through the port last weekend.

Dover Harbour Board chairman Robert Dibble officially opened the £4.5 million project on Thursday and was joined by Radio 2's Sally Boazman, better known to listeners as Sally Traffic, as well as representatives from ferry and haulage companies.

Mr Dibble said: "The new exit road will deliver dramatic improvements for passenger and freight traffic and has been completed on time and on budget ahead of one of our busiest weekends.

"The opening of the road is a key milestone in our ambitious plans for redeveloping the Port of Dover, which will ensure we remain robust and well positioned to deal with increasing demand and at the centre of the movement of goods and mate-

rials that are the lifeblood of UK plc."

Sue Mackenzie, P&O Ferries' ports director said: "We hope the exit road will make a huge difference to the experience of our customers by making their transit through the port smoother and faster."

Robin Wilkins, SeaFrance's managing director, said: "Customers are increasingly demanding easy access and exit from the port to complement the high quality of ferry travel today."

"The new exit system is a great improvement and will ensure Dover remains the preeminent port for crossing the Channel."

The new road is another step in the redevelopment of the Port of Dover, which also aims to create jobs and attract investment in the town as well as improving the waterfront.

Don Armour of the Freight Transport Association said: "The inauguration of the new link road is good news for road freight operators, saving them about £12,000 a day."

"It will also mean that lorries will no longer be idling in queues and sending emissions into the air and over the town to the same extent, so residents will benefit too."

The £12,000 figure is based on 3,500 HGVs leaving the port daily and saving an average of five minutes each, at an operating cost of £40 per hour.

The opening comes just as the port is in one of its busiest months of the year. During July 19-20 last year, 70,354 passengers came through while 88,230 used it the following weekend.

Weddings at castle to end in September

MONEY problems have pulled the plug on weddings at one of Kent's most picturesque venues.

Wedding celebrations will no longer be heard at Dover Castle after English Heritage announced it was scrapping private functions at the site. Bookings for the summer season will go ahead as planned, but after September anyone hoping to hold a landmark event in ancient surroundings will have to look elsewhere.

Deal and Walmer castles are also included in the pull-out.

A Dover Castle source said: "It's really sad as the three castles are beautiful places to hold a wedding or a special party. English Heritage has been doing a nationwide survey and the feeling is we've been spreading ourselves too thin at many sites."

Nikos Theo is an Ashford-based photographer, specialising in capturing the biggest day in many couples' lives. He said: "I've done dozens of weddings at all three castles and when I heard the news, I thought it was very sad."

Beautiful

"It's the history that make them so special. I can remember the last time I did one at Dover. It was a very grand affair. Fireworks were launched from a rooftop, members of the wedding party strolled around with canapés and the night was lit by torches. It was beautiful."

Mr Theo said recent wedding fairs at Dover Castle had been poorly advertised. He added that staff at the venue had privately told him how disappointed they were with the decision to ditch weddings.

An English Heritage official confirming the trio of castles would no longer offer weddings or corporate functions, an English Heritage official said: "This was a difficult decision and not taken lightly."

"Our hospitality programme must be commercially viable and this was not the case at Walmer Castle or Deal Castle."

"A thorough analysis made it clear that we couldn't justify continuing the hospitality programme there. We will honour bookings for the summer season."

The Licensing Act 2003 relaxed rules about where civil ceremonies – traditionally staged in churches or register offices – could be held.

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So, do they call Marseille the Dover of the Mediterranean?

■ BY GARETH DORRIAN

SUN-KISSED Dover with its busy ferry terminals, splendid coastline and awe-inspiring cliffs has been labelled “the new Marseille” in a credit crunch-inspired survey.

Research shows more people than ever are watching what they spend and turning their backs on expensive Mediterranean holidays in favour of the homegrown exotica of one of Kent’s favourite coastal towns.

Traditional holiday destinations such as the Costa del Sol and French Riviera are going out of fashion, a poll of this year’s favourite hotspots has shown.

Hotel chain Premier Inn claims as many as one in five British holidaymakers are opting for closer-to-home destinations.

A spokesman said: “Dover really is the new Marseille. Both are major ports and attract thousands of people to catch a boat. The only difference with Dover is that there are probably not as many yachts. But no one can argue with Dover’s beautiful cliffs, its importance to Europe and its long and turbulent history.”

Historically, Dover and Marseille have been major ports of their respective empires, key landing sites for globe-conquering fleets. They remain extremely important locations for the French and British economies.

Both are considered main entry points for immigrants, too, the spokesman said.

Travel expert Felice Hardy said: “The recession has made people think twice about heading abroad. Luckily, there’s so much to do on



VIVE LA DIFFERENCE: Credit-crunched holidaymakers might be foregoing the charms of Marseille (above) in favour of destinations closer to home, including the Dover area

your doorstep. Britain has just as much to offer as places abroad. Last month there was more rain in Puglia, Italy, than there was in Petersfield, Hants, so it proves that it is possible to have just as much fun holidaying at home as abroad – and it’ll cost half the price.”

Dover District Council’s economic chief, Frederick Scales, said: “Although the similarities with Marseille are not necessarily immediately obvious, we certainly do have an important port and a wealth of history, and White Cliffs Country continues to provide a

warm welcome to all visitors, including those from the UK who may be looking to holiday closer to home this year.”

We compared Dover and Marseille to see how they match up.

Dover, population 29,000, has an average summer temperature of 21°C and a winter low of 1°C. Marseille has about 840,000 people, with an average summer high of 28°C and a chilly winter low of 3°C. Marseille is the oldest settlement in France, thought to have existed for almost 30,000 years. Dover’s history as a

port stretches back many hundreds of years.

Both have football teams, and both – Dover Athletic and Olympique de Marseille – play in white. Crabble has a capacity of 6,500. Olympique de Marseille play at Stade Velodrome and can accommodate 10 times as many fans.

Marseille have been French league (Ligue 1) champions eight times, won the Champions League final in 1993 and were Uefa Cup runners-up twice. Dover Athletic’s biggest achievement was coming sixth in the Conference in the 1999-2000 season.

Blériot boost at weekend

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will be displays, fireworks and music. Dover 2009 puts the area on a world stage. The hope is that visitors will like what they see and come back again soon.”

A source at the district council told Yourdover that the Blériot celebration could benefit the economy by almost £1million.

He said: “If all the people who visit the town spend a small amount, it will add up to something tremendous for the local economy.”

Louis Blériot was a French airmen, engineer and inventor who was the first man to cross the Channel by powered flight, in 1909.

The two-day Blériot event, starting on Saturday, includes an appearance by the Red Arrows, a fireworks display; children’s entertainment and a re-enactment of Blériot’s pioneering flight.

Sussex firm Cresting is organising the weekend. Chairman Paul Tipping said: “All the hotels in Dover are booked up – there’s no doubt it will do a lot of good for the town. We have people coming here from Pennsylvania, California, Sweden and France. It’ll be impossible not to have a great time.”

Visit www.dover2009.com for more information.

• See pages 4-5 for more on the weekend’s events

Wounded soldiers’ fighting spirit wins Channel challenge

TWO soldiers who were seriously wounded while serving in Afghanistan have overcome their injuries to complete a 22-mile relay swim across the Channel.

Guardsman Scott Blaney, who lost his leg in an explosion in 2007, and Senior Aircraftsman Mike Goody, who suffered shrapnel wounds to his leg in October last year, were part of a six-man team which set off from Dover harbour on Monday.

They were representing the military’s Battle Back programme, which offers adventurous training and sporting challenges for injured personnel.

The team, based at the Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre at Headley Court, Surrey, competed against those from the Navy, Army, RAF and the Wales University Officer Training Corps to reach the French coast at Cape Griz.

Guardsman Blaney, 23, of the Grenadier Guards, was treated at the centre and has since returned to duty,

becoming the first amputee to guard the Tower of London.

Speaking ahead of the race he said: “The training has been tough but we are all in the right mindset to tackle the Channel and are really looking forward to it.

“It’ll be a great achievement to reach the finishing line for the whole Battle Back team.”

SAC Goody, 24, a gunner from 1 Squadron RAF Regiment, is currently undergoing treatment at Headley Court.

Before the swim, he said: “It’s something I’ve always wanted to do and hopefully this will be a springboard to me doing it solo next year.”

“This is a great opportunity to give something back to Battle Back and Help for Heroes, who have both done so much.”

Race organiser and fellow swimmer Lieut-Col Rob Healey said: “This is the second time we’ve held this event and it’s all the richer for having the Battle Back team participating.”

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Timetable of events

SATURDAY

10am Duke of York's Royal Military School opens to the public. Events throughout the day will include static displays and exhibitions of historic and vintage aircraft, displays by the Great War Display Team, a Spitfire and the Tiger Club's Turbulent Display Team.

10am Events along Dover seafront open to the public.

10am to noon Arrival over Dover of Belgian, British and French microlights.

Noon Live musical performances begin on Dover Seafront at Granville Gardens

2.30pm-2.40pm Royal Aero Club Air Race sponsored by Shell Aviation arrives over Langdon Cliffs

3pm-6pm Series of vintage aeroplanes processing over Dover, together with flying displays at Duke of York's Royal Military School and at Dover seafront

6pm-6.30pm Arrival of Blériot XI plane flown by Mikael Carlson supported by 3 Blériot XI planes from France, Luxembourg and NL

6.45pm Flypast over Dover by the RAF Red Arrows and La Patrouille de France.

7.30pm Duke of York's Royal Military School closes for the evening.

10pm Seafront entertainment and activities end for the day.

10.15pm Fireworks Spectacular at Dover harbour.

SUNDAY

10am Events along Dover seafront reopen to the public.

11am Duke of York's Royal Military School re-opens to the public. Meet the Blériot XI pilots and their aircraft.

Noon Live musical performances begin on Dover seafront at Granville Gardens.

3pm-4.30pm Series of flying displays at Duke of York's Royal Military School, including an aerial display by Mikael Carlson in his famous restored Blériot XI aeroplane.

6pm Event closes at both the Duke of York's Royal Military School and on the seafront.

Celebrate Blériot's first Channel flight



HEAD IN THE CLOUDS: Pilot Blériot made his successful cross-Channel flight while his opponent Herbert Latham overslept

■ BY NICK AMES

THOUSANDS of people will descend on Dover for this weekend's centenary celebration of Louis Blériot's flight across the Channel.

They will be able to enjoy a host of events, the highlight being Saturday's re-creation of that legendary first crossing – distinguished Swedish pilot Mikael Carlson will fly a replica of the machine that made the flight in 1909.

Pubs, restaurants, bars and hotels in Deal, Walmer and Sandwich are bracing themselves for an upsurge in visitor numbers.

The weekend is coincidentally also the busiest of the year for ferry bookings. A park-and-ride scheme linking events with car parks is being set up to avoid traffic congestion.

As well as the re-creation of the flight, other aerial events include an air race and a flypast by the RAF's famous aerobatic team, the Red Arrows. Their colleagues from across the Channel – the French Air Force's Patrouille de France – will also be performing.

The town's historic seafront will see British, French and Italian-themed activities.

The English will reflect the opulence of the Edwardian era and the French a time known as La Belle Epoch – a period from the late 19th century to the First World War that was considered a 'beautiful age' for the upper classes.

Italy is being commemorated as the designer of the engine which powered the Blériot aircraft was Alessandro Anzani, an Italian.

The successful flight was part of a competition and took 36.5 minutes to get from France to England – about the same time as a current Shuttle train.

For several days bad weather had grounded car-headlight manufacturer Blériot, as well as Herbert Latham and Charles de Lambert, two men also bidding for the honour.

An earlier attempt made by Latham failed when he ditched his aircraft in the sea.

On the morning of July 25, 1909, Blériot awoke in a bad mood – reportedly due to having scorched his foot on an engine exhaust – but conditions were good enough to attempt the flight.

When Blériot took off, Latham's camp was



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RE-CREATION: A modern replica of Blériot's plane will be flown across the Channel by Swedish pilot Mikael Carlson, below. Pictured bottom is Blériot's original plane, which made the crossing in 1909 in 36.5 minutes.

still quiet, as he had overslept. Fighting fog and bad weather, Blériot did not even have a compass to guide his crossing.

It is believed that the Anzani engine made the flight only with the aid of a brief rain shower that cooled it down.

After spotting the steam from the funnel of a French warship sent out to provide a marker, Blériot eventually saw the line of the English coast and, getting closer, he spotted a French reporter waving the nation's Tricolor flag marking the landing spot.

The pilot made a rough 'pancake' landing, during which the landing gear collapsed, but Blériot walked away, winning the £1,000

prize awarded by the Daily Mail for the first flier to pilot an aircraft across the Channel.

A memorial marks the spot at which he arrived at Northfall Meadow, close to Dover Castle. The event is 100 years to the day that the famous flight took place and will be centred on the Duke of York's Royal Military School, where the replica is due to land between 6-6.30pm.

There will be a static display of vintage aircraft, while a firework display will close Saturday's festivities.

Bernard Butcher, chairman of Dover District Council, said: "This is a fantastic event for Dover. The celebrations will be an amazing experience for the thousands of people expected to attend and especially for the people of Dover."

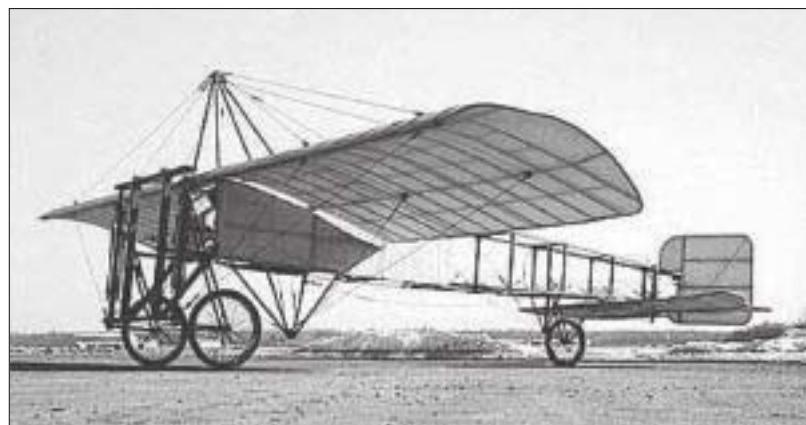
"It is an event that commemorates a momentous occasion, and by celebrating its centenary we are marking out the achievement of Louis Blériot to future generations and keeping the story of his triumph alive.

"This event marks not just a key moment for air travel and engineering achievement, but a key moment in Anglo-French relations, as it removed the perception of the UK's isolation from Europe.

"The 2009 celebrations promise to be a superb occasion and a fitting tribute to a man whose triumph not only marked a new chapter in aviation history but in Anglo-European relations as well."

Air Chief Marshal Sir Glenn Torpy, Chief of the Air Staff, said: "The RAF is delighted to be able to support this event, which marks a milestone in aviation history."

"Notwithstanding the huge technological changes that we have seen over the past 100 years, the spirit of Blériot and other aviation enthusiasts lives on today in the modern Royal Air Force. We salute these pioneers."



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Meet two successful students who joined this course after Year 11:

Conor did well at school but he found it boring and wanted more freedom. He decided to try engineering after an interview at the College.

"I've really enjoyed my course as it has mechanical, electrical and maintenance aspects as well as key skills, so it has opened up a lot of options for future course and career choices. The tutors are really able to get the information across and always ask if you need help. You also have a pastoral tutor to support you. Mine, Wendy, was great. If you had any problems at College you could discuss them with her and she would help sort them out."

Conor adds:

"I liked the learning methods on this course because of the heavy emphasis on practical skills. You have to focus a lot and every detail is vital. I am now progressing onto the BTEC National Diploma in Engineering which is a 2-year course. I've made lots of friends here and I am really pleased that there will be 5 of my friends joining too."

After the National Diploma, Conor hopes to find employment working as an engineer on tower cranes or generators.



Joshua didn't enjoy school and much preferred doing things with his hands to academic studies. Joshua left with mostly Ds or Es in his GCSEs but had also done well on an introductory engineering course. From the age of 13 he has been helping and working for the Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway.

"I asked the railway for a full-time job but was told I had to be 18 and also that I required broader engineering skills. I was not at all sure about College after my experience at school but was persuaded at interview to give it a go. So I started the course, found I liked the College and not only discovered aspects of engineering that were completely new to me such as milling, but also found the maintenance training really useful."

During the course Joshua was in a team of 3 who were awarded a "Vernier Caliper" (a valuable piece of measuring equipment) for good attendance, safety awareness and quality of work. This included milling and turning work to 0.1mm accuracy.

Joshua commented:

"I'm really pleased I did the course. I have a recognised engineering qualification covering mechanical and electronic engineering which I can use as a springboard for further qualifications in the future, and I leave the course with broader and more finely tuned skills which will help me enormously in my new job on the railway. The work involves workshop work, track maintenance, signal box work and eventually I get to drive a train."



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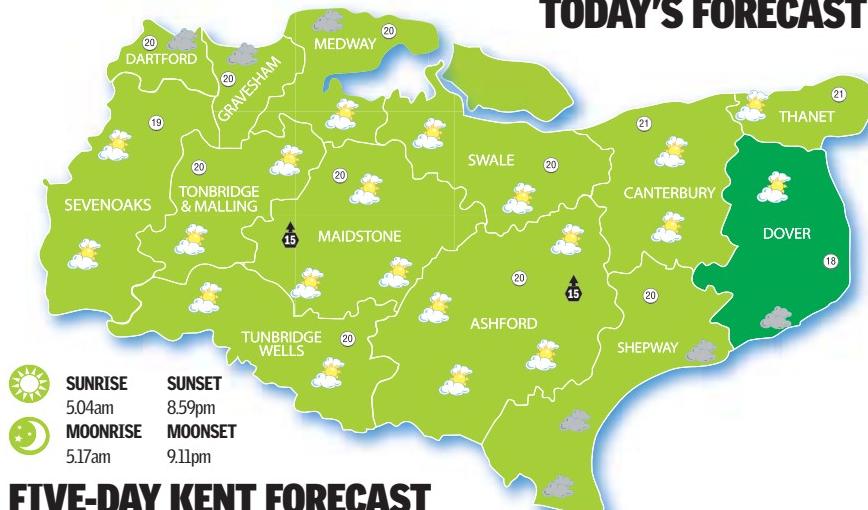
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	Sunday	4:40pm	6.3m
Dover	Saturday	2:21pm	7.0m
	Sunday	3:02pm	6.8m
Dungeness	Saturday	2:12pm	8.0m
	Sunday	2:54pm	7.8m
Ramsgate	Saturday	2:51pm	5.3m
	Sunday	3:32pm	5.2m
Sheerness	Saturday	3:48pm	6.0m
	Sunday	4:30pm	6.0m
Whitstable	Saturday	3:55pm	5.5m
	Sunday	4:36pm	5.5m

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OPINIONS on Dover's future are needed for a project about the changing face of the port.

Make Dover is an exhibition which opened at the town's Discovery Centre this week.

Residents can let county council building chiefs know what they think about plans for Dover Esplanade, including seafront enhancement, the cable car feasibility study, Blériot Monument refurbishment and Dover Castle revamping.

Exhibition organisers also want to hear about cultural activities people are involved in and what hopes they have for the future.

The scheme is part of the Sea Change programme, funded by groups including Kent County Council, Dover District Council and the Dover Harbour Board.

Exciting

KCC regeneration chief Kevin Lynes said: "There are some very exciting projects in the pipeline for Dover. We want to hear from residents about how we take these forward."

Anyone interested in the project should see www.seachangedover.co.uk or visit Dover Discovery Centre until September 1.

Dover Arts Development is also involved in a cultural survey, Here and Now, to coincide with the exhibition.

Five free art workshops are running, starting on Saturday, July 25 with Drawing With The Body, a creative movement session with Bim Malcomson. All ages are welcome.

On Saturday, August 1, Fake Cake Bake is led by Edda Venusia Jones.

Portrait drawing with Nicola Durvasula is on Saturday, August 8, and on August 15, Join The Chocolution, a workshop about making chocolate with Kevin Renihan and Jake Lawy.

The final workshop is Can You Draw Me A?, led by Clare Smith, on August 22.

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KATE GRIFFIN



Q & A

Reporter **Marijke Cox** talks to the director of the All Sorts Of Music school near Deal, about the school's growing success, what sets it apart from other music centres, and how prospective pupils can get involved

Q Have you always been passionate about music?

A At school I always enjoyed music and I enjoyed my private lessons at home. However, I had no plans to make it my career and had several points through my teenage years when I almost gave it up – my parents insisted I continue and I'm very glad they did.

Q When and why did you decide to set up your own music school?

A After 10 years of private teaching I decided to set up teaching from home in a converted workshop.

Due to the birth of my daughter I decided I didn't want to take on any new students, but I was still receiving calls for lessons, so I asked a teacher to come and work with me and over the last year our staff numbers have grown to 15.

Q What makes your music school different to others?

A Our location is one of the reasons we stand out from the crowd – we are in the middle of the countryside and it's very peaceful. Last weekend we had a foal born and students have been stroking it and watching it run around while they have their lessons. We also charge an hourly rate regardless of requirements. If we have a group lesson, then the cost is split between the group – most other music schools charge more for group lessons.

Q Who do you cater for and what lessons do you offer?

A We have baby, toddler and pre-school music classes. We teach private and group lessons in many instruments, including electric guitar, piano, drums, voice, sax, clarinet, flute, trumpet, French horn, violin, cello, accordion and more. We also teach music theory and tutor for GCSE and A-level and Diploma exams.

Our students are children and adults and range from special needs to gifted and talented. We teach students who want to play for fun and enter for Associated Board, Trinity Guildhall and Rockschool exams if they wish.

We also have a free orchestra/band to which anyone is welcome.

Q What is the hardest thing about running your own music school?

A The hardest thing has to be remembering everyone's names! At first it was easy and I was blessed with a good memory – however, it is becoming harder now we have more than 200 students.

Q What is the best thing about it?

A It has to be seeing the students and seeing how happy they are. Our students come and go from here with smiles on their faces having had fun in their lessons. I am lucky enough to be able to sit in my garden and chat to people as they come and go.

Q Are there any specific teaching methods that you use at the school and, if so, how successful have they been?

A For our special-needs students we have a library of books which work very well – students who weren't expected to do well have excelled after using books employing techniques such as colour to help them learn.

Q Do you have any events coming up to showcase the talent from the school?

A We recently held our annual concert, raising £700 for Macmillan cancer care. Students ranging from beginner to world-class performed and it was a very enjoyable evening.

We are planning summer music workshops on August 10-13 at which anyone who's interested can come along – students and non-students – and join the following workshops: Rockschool, orchestra, children (youngsters aged four to eight) and musical theatre.

This year a West End theatre producer will run our musical theatre workshop and offer successful students auditions with a leading West End booker. We hope to find a star or two!

Q How can people contact you to get signed up?

A We have a contact form on our website, www.allsortsofmusic.co.uk. Alternatively, I can be contacted on 01304 621001. We are located between Deal and Sandwich. We offer a free trial lesson, so get in touch.

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We miss you, Marie, but this one's for you

■ BY EMILY HALL

A WOMAN lost her 22-year battle with cancer just two days before she was due to run the Race For Life.

Tragic Marie Twyman died on July 10, aged just 29, yet her friends still managed to don 1980s gear and run the event in her honour.

Marie was initially diagnosed with cancer at the age of seven and had an operation to remove a tumour from her shoulder.

But after going to Portugal to work as a holiday rep in her early 20s she began suffering blinding headaches and had to return home.

She was diagnosed with a brain tumour and breast cancer and for the past five years had been undergoing constant treatment.

Her best friend, Clare Cockell, 27, who is manager of The Reef spa and salon in Gabriels Hill, Maidstone, said: "Marie and I went to college in Canterbury together.

"She was fine up until she became a holiday rep, when she started getting headaches and had to come home. She found out she had a brain tumour in 2004 and had to have three operations.

"She also got breast cancer, which they couldn't treat until they had finished treating the brain tumour. It was hard for her. Her mum had cancer, too, and didn't die that long ago.

"The doctors told her they couldn't get all of it, but she remained positive.

"She had the last operation in March this year, and we had planned to do the Race For Life in Herne Bay, but four weeks ago she couldn't use her left side.

"I saw her two or three weeks ago and when she got out of bed she fell over and was slurring.



WE DID IT: Reef manager Clare Cockell (centre) was joined by her mum Annette and co-worker Jemma Haywood (left)

Even then she was still happy, but it became obvious she wasn't going to be able to run the race. Marie had always done the Race For Life with her mum and I have done it with her for the last three years. She loved it and couldn't stop talking about this year's race.

"She was saying she'd do it even if we had to push her round, but she never got the chance."

Single Marie died at the Pilgrims Hospice in her home city of Canterbury. Her friends – including Clare, her mum Annette, 50, and fellow Reef worker Jemma Haywood, 23 – ran the race and raised more than £1,000 for Cancer

Research UK. Clare said: "The donations and support have been truly amazing.

"When I first set up our fund-raising page I set the target at £1,000 and I remember Marie saying, 'You've set a really high target', so I changed it to £500.

"I am so pleased we have now reached that high target for her. She deserves it as she was such an inspiration.

"She always had a smile on her face, no matter what. She will be hugely missed."

Visit www.raceforlifesponsorme.org/there to add your donation.

Force backs recruitment of gypsies to end mistrust

GYPSIES and travellers are being recruited by Kent Police to ensure the force represents the community it serves.

Officers believe that by giving jobs to people from the minority group they will be able to smooth what is often a rocky relationship between the two sides.

However, some are concerned tick-box targets could lower standards if vacancies are given to gypsies and travellers rather than the best candidates.

Earlier this year a report by the Association of Police Authorities (APA) suggested forces should seek to recruit from under-represented groups.

Assistant Chief Constable of Kent Police Allyn Thomas said: "We seek to recruit as widely as possible and welcome applicants from all ethnic backgrounds.

Legitimacy

"We have a gypsy and traveller action group which advises us. Recruiting officers from a variety of ethnic groups enhances the legitimacy of policing in the eyes of those communities."

The initiative has been backed by campaigners for travellers' equality, including the Canterbury Gypsy Support Group.

Vice-chairman Joe Jones said it was important his people were given the same career opportunities, but didn't think there would be a rush to sign up.

He said: "Gypsies and travellers are far from being policed in the real sense. The only time we meet is when our camps are raided or we are being made to move on.

"We are the most misunderstood group of people in the British Isles and nobody really cares about us, but by the police looking to recruit us it shows that we have finally arrived in society."

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Recycling: let's get together

■ BY JENNA PUDELEK

CALLS are growing for a universal kerbside recycling scheme to be provided across the county.

At the moment provision is patchy, with each of the 12 district and borough councils and Medway's unitary authority offering a different service.

Kent County Council has said that current provision "could be better" and is asking residents for their views about a countywide doorstep recycling scheme.

Steve Dawe, spokesman for the Green Party in Kent, said: "It remains a major problem to get councils to collect glass and plastics. They talk about it not being economical, but if it was done on a larger scale it would justify the cost."

"Sharing between councils would not only increase the percentage of recycling to a higher level for households and businesses, there would also be more jobs in these areas. If every local council did the same, then it would generate 50,000 more jobs across the county."

Dumped

Rubbish that is not recycled is dumped in landfill sites, except in Ashford, Maidstone, Sevenoaks, Swale, Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells, where it is taken to the Energy From Waste Plant at Allington. There it is burnt to produce power for the national grid.

We asked each local authority in the county responsible for kerbside recycling collections to provide details about its services. Most collect a good variety of paper and cardboard waste from householders' doorsteps.

However, Ashford council does not take shredded paper, envelopes with windows and coloured shiny leaflets because they can't be turned into newsprint when they are taken to Aylesford Newsprint, near Maidstone.

Ashford residents also do not get their plastics picked up at the kerbside due to expense, although the council does collect glass.

Several councils provide 'co-mingled' schemes where all recyclables are put in



WORKING TOGETHER: The Green Party is calling for councils to work together to make recycling more economical in an effort to reduce landfill waste

the same bin or bag. Residents do not have to sort their recycling, but critics of the scheme say more energy is used than in pre-sorted schemes because of the machines used to separate the waste.

There are also concerns that paper collected in the same container as plastic bottles and metal cans is contaminated by food and liquid waste – making it unusable for recycling.

A Sevenoaks council spokesman said in some areas participation in the recycling scheme was as high as 93-100 per cent.

"Some 24 tonnes of recycling sacks from the council were recently audited to determine the breakdown of materials in them," he said.

"The audit found that less than half of one per cent (0.375 per cent) of the contents were materials that could not be recycled."

Dover council provides a 'sorted' scheme with different boxes for different waste.

A spokesman said: "Collecting paper and cardboard separate from plastics, glass and cans enables the collection of clean paper and cardboard that can be sold easily."

Most of the councils have decided recycling more plastics other than bottles was commercially unviable, and most charge for the collection of garden waste.

Tunbridge Wells council launched a kerbside service to collect plastic bottles on July 3.

A spokeswoman said: "Plastic bottles are a good clean material more readily marketed in the UK for recycling. If we collect mixed plastics

KERBSIDE SCHEMES AROUND KENT

ASHFORD BOROUGH

- Recycles: Telephone directories, newspapers, magazines, glass containers, cans, empty aerosol cans
- Doesn't recycle: Shredded paper, windowed envelopes, junk mail, cardboard, plastics and containers, tin foil, window glass, compostable waste
- Type: Co-mingled (fortnightly)
- Contractor: In-house

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH

- Recycles: Paper, card, tins, cans, plastics (bottles, margarine tubs, yoghurt pots, ice-cream tubs), garden waste
- Doesn't recycle: All other types of plastics, glass, food waste
- Type: Co-mingled and separate bin for garden waste (fortnightly)
- Contractor: SITA

MEDWAY:

- Recycles: Paper, card, glass bottles and jars, carrier bags, metal food/drink cans, envelopes, foil, plastic bottles, empty aerosols
- Doesn't recycle: All other types of plastics, cartons, tetrapacks, polystyrene, compostable waste
- Type: Co-mingled (fortnightly)
- Contractor: Veolia

SEVENOAKS DISTRICT:

- Recycles: Cans, metal jar lids, tins, foil, all aluminium packaging, all paper, all cardboard, all plastic bottles and thin carrier bags. Garden waste and recyclable white goods (fridges etc)
- Doesn't recycle: Other types of plastics, glass, food waste
- Type: Co-mingled (weekly). Garden waste in wheelie bin £41 annually or 12 sacks for £5.50 (fortnightly). White goods approx £11.50 per appliance
- Contractor: In-house

SHEPWAY DISTRICT:

- Recycles: Paper and card, plastic bottles, glass, tins and cans

Nick Chard, KCC's cabinet member for the environment and waste, said: "We have got to look at how we can improve recycling and get really good value for money."

Residents recycled 47 per cent of their waste last year, she said.

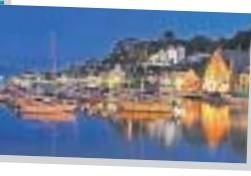
In Tonbridge and Malling residents recycled and composted 46 per cent of waste collected.

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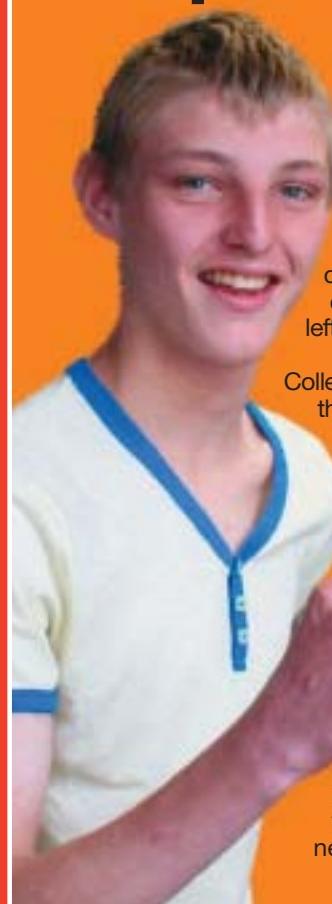
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Troi has done so well on his course that he has been accepted to study a BTEC National (Level 3) next September at the end of which he plans to apply to university.



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Abbeygail

With a father in the fire services, and a grand-father who was a paramedic, Abbeygail's dream is to work in the Public Services. So the BTEC Certificate in Public Services was a logical choice for her. Abbeygail is really enjoying her two-year course which is equivalent to A-Levels, much preferring the unit-based structure and continuous assessment to the pressure of end-of-year exams.



"Life at College is different: you mix with lots of different people, teachers are approachable and supportive, resources are good and you are treated like an adult. I've learned so much and got so many certificates: fire-fighting, canoeing, etc. And next year we will do first aid as well. We've been on so many different trips. I really enjoyed the team-building trips such as tree-jumping or raft-building."

In her second year of BTEC, Abbeygail plans to send an application to the RAF as she has set her mind on becoming an air traffic control officer.

Callum

After GCSEs Callum enrolled on the Level 1 Diploma in Public Services in Folkestone.

"When I was at school, I wanted to join the Police. That's why I decided to study Public Services. At College, you make so many good friends. We do a lot of team-building activities such as paint-ballng and college challenges and trips such as visiting the army barracks. Tutors are really nice and help you with your work. You work hard but you can have a laugh. It's so much better than school where you are treated like a kid."

Callum likes the variety of subjects studied in his course. *"We study fitness, career opportunities, how to eat healthily, how to apply for jobs... I've enjoyed all units, though I especially like the fitness side. I have also re-taken my GCSEs in English and maths and improved my grades. I want to get the best qualification I can get and I've enjoyed my time at College so much, I can't wait for the next course."*

Ultimately, Callum would like to join the army and train as a royal engineer.

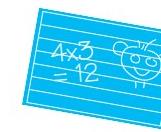


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Academy mines a rich seam of artistic talent

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

ART students from the Marsh Academy gained inspiration by visiting the Brett aggregates quarry at Lydd.

They were there as part of the Revealing Secrets: Unearthing The Past project being run by environmental charity Groundwork Kent and Medway, thanks to a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

While there, they learned about the heritage of the site and what had been unearthed by archaeologists, as well as looking at the geological layers discovered during extraction.

These show the wave formation of the shingle ridges and indicate how the land on the marshes was formed.

The site tour also included seeing the aggregate-processing area up close and finding out how the products of quarrying influence everyone in some way.

This can range from drinking water which has been filtered through the sand to everyday use of stone or brick in buildings.

The pupils completed three pieces of artwork based on their interpretations of the quarry and worked alongside local artist Jane Pitt, who introduced them to new art mediums and working on clear Perspex.

They were also joined on their visit by another group of year 11 GCSE geography students, who were studying industrial processes and quarrying.

The three large finished pieces will be displayed together as a 3D model during the August quarry open morning, showing the students' representations of the site and



DIGGING DEEP: Academy youngsters were introduced to new techniques by local artist Jane Pitt

what they have learned. Jenny Collins, education officer at Groundwork Kent and Medway, said: "The artwork produced by the pupils was really inspiring."

"They relished the opportunity to try new art mediums and came up with some lovely ideas in their groups of what to include."

As part of the project, Lydd residents have the chance to visit the quarry, which is not normally open to the public, for free.

Brett will be opening its doors to booked visitors only on Tuesday, August 11, from 9am to let people find out more about the aggregate industry on their doorstep.

There will be a guided tour of the site, together with a chance to see work produced by nearby primary school pupils and the secondary students' 3D artwork.

The open morning is a bookable event only and transport from Lydd to the quarry site will be provided for visitors from outside Lydd Primary School, by the green.

For more information or to book a place, phone Groundwork Kent and Medway on 01634 855166.

BREAK TIME

Employing Jack will be no Risky Business

YEAR seven pupils at Folkestone Academy have been working on a joint project with the Skillnet group, which helps people with learning difficulties.

More than 150 pupils applied for a fictitious post of training supporter, which is designed to encourage those with a learning difficulty to speak up and be heard and taken seriously.

The process involved filling in a detailed job application, including a written statement on 'Why I want the job'.

Four candidates were shortlisted to attend a formal panel interview with Skillnet.

Simon Newman, head of English, said: "I'm really pleased with the links we've developed with Skillnet as part of one of

our year seven projects. It's important that pupils have opportunities to develop and use their English skills in situations outside the classroom.

"Our work with Skillnet has enabled us to achieve this and demonstrated that we have many confident and mature pupils at Folkestone Academy."

Interviews were held in the academy boardroom, where each candidate had 20 minutes to discuss their application.

And it was Jack Petts who was announced as the successful candidate at the end of the process.

As a reward, Jack and his parents visited the Gulbenkian Theatre in Canterbury to watch a performance by Risky Business, Skillnet's performing arts group.

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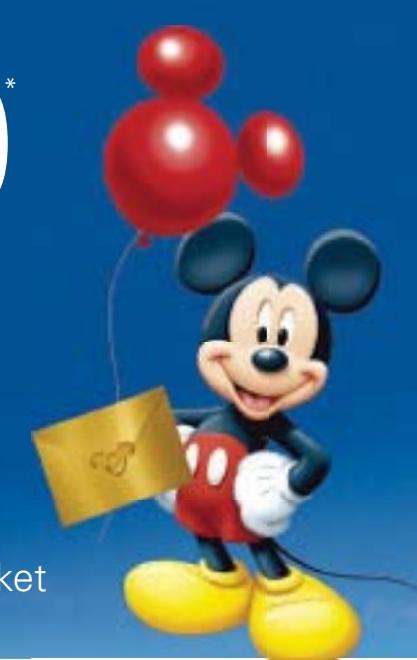
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Father-of-two Gary Wright asks why so many parents feel they must buy extra tuition for their children



What tutoring is teaching us about our education system

SO 25 per cent of children in our county are receiving extra tutoring away from their regular school.

Think about that for a minute – one in four kids do not get a proper education under our existing system, or so their parents believe.

A huge number of those children, of course, will be the poor souls who receive external tutoring just so they can pass the 11-plus.

Then, when they get to the grammar school that their parents have chosen, many of those tutored kids will spend the next five years struggling to keep up. They'll probably need extra tuition while they're there.

But I was more disturbed to discover children as young as four were receiving tutoring.

Make no mistake – there's something not right with the world of education and I think it's the parents who bear a lot of the blame.

The headmaster of The Skinners School in Tunbridge Wells explained that for the 115 boys he takes in each year he carries out another test to find out who "needs additional support".

So one of the county's top grammar schools – apparently some parents are tutoring smart kids so they get better results so they can get into a better grammar – admits the boys who arrive may not actually be the cream of the crop.

But I bet the parents are still so proud that their offspring are going to the right school, even though he (or she) is going to spend the next five years struggling and probably hating school for that reason. This is wrong for many reasons.

Firstly, tutored, average student X will have taken a place that could have gone to untutored, gifted pupil Y. That irritates me a lot.

Secondly, tutoring is available to those who have the cash and therefore it does reinforce a have-and-have-not society (though I also accept that many parents make financial sacrifice to pay for the tutor, too).

Thirdly, there's the issue of the tutors themselves. Most arrangements are private, so it means there is no need for tutors to undergo the normal police checks that teachers must have.

But no one is going to stop external tutoring happening, and here's why...

Teachers might not like the thought that some of their class are receiving outside help, but if it improves the results of their children, they're not going to complain, are they?

Our county council will not want to change the tutor system, either. If they did, parents might expect standards in the classroom to go up – more one-to-one, that kind of thing – which would mean more money and resources.

So, a council that sometimes struggles to give proper support to dyslexic children (I have personal experience of the difficulty in getting a child statemented) might believe it is better to let an army of tutors, paid for direct by parents, lift the educational standards of a county.

And finally, well-meaning but misguided parents will always want to spend money on their children's education. For many it saves them having to spend time reading with their kids.

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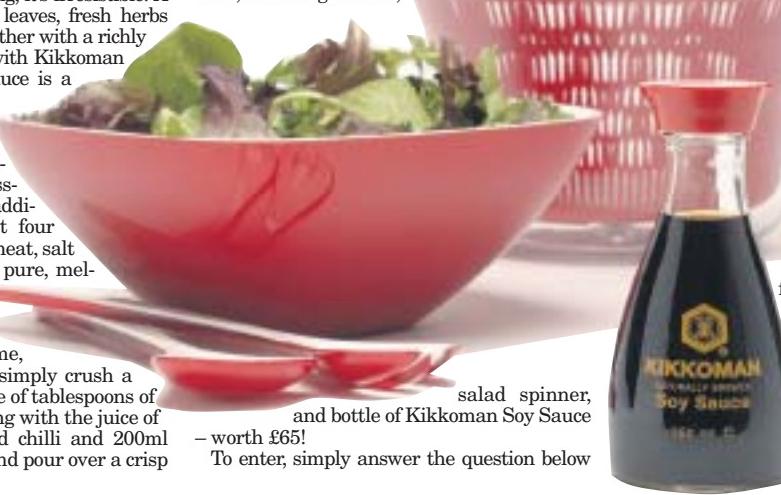
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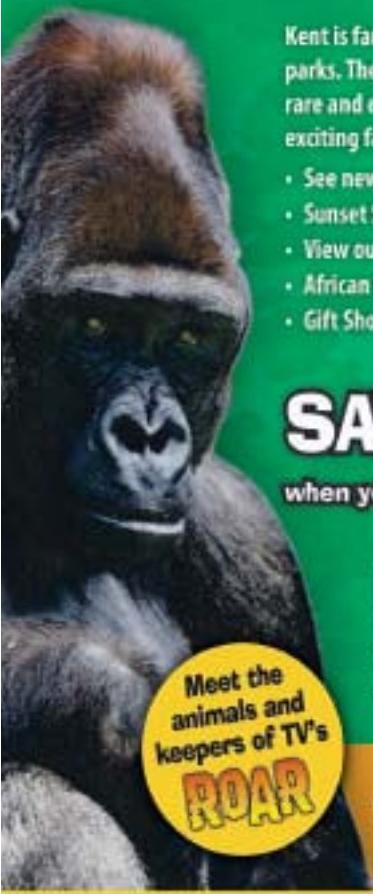
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1 avocado, peeled and cut into chunks
1 red onion, thinly sliced
100g fresh spinach leaves
1 tbsp olive oil

Small handful of torn basil leaves
1 mango, peeled and cut into thin strips
Fresh limes to serve

Method:

1. Pre-heat the grill. Mix the soy sauce, orange juice and chilli in a bowl, toss in the chicken and leave to marinate for 5 minutes.
2. Remove the chicken, reserving the marinade. Cook the chicken under the grill for 8-10 minutes, turning half way through.
3. In a small pan heat the marinade until piping hot and add the oil. Leave to cool slightly.
4. Divide the spinach leaves, avocado, red onion and basil leaves between serving bowls. Top with mango slices and the soy and chilli chicken. Drizzle over the marinade dressing. Serve with limes on the side.

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TALK TIME

ALISTAIR LYON



Alastair Lyon, president of the Rotary Club of South Foreland and his farming responsibilities on 700 acres

Tell us a little bit about your background.

I was born 58 years ago and have lived at East Valley Farm since I was six weeks old. I was educated at St Margaret's Primary School and Dover Boys Grammar and then three years at Hadlow College of Agriculture. I spent six months working on a farm in Alberta, Canada, and returned home and gradually took over the running of the family farm. I now farm 700 acres, growing wheat, barley, oilseed rape and linseed. I also keep 80 cattle. I've been involved with Young Farmer Clubs, National Farmers Union, East Kent Ploughing Match and been a school governor at St Margaret's. Now just Rotary!

I have three children, a son who is on the farm with me, and two daughters both working in the area.

What work do you do at the Rotary Club?

The first job we do is to meet regularly and enjoy our meetings. Our membership is dual-gender and we use all the experience of the members to work together and help wherever we are needed. For example, during the year that just finished at the end of June, we raised £1,400 for PSA Kent, our local Prostate Cancer Support Association which started in Deal, and the same amount of £1,400 for Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

We have contributed to Rotary's own charity (foundation) £620, which is used around the world for various projects. We have also raised £500 to help with eradication of polio. We have bought a shelter box for £500 and an aquabox for £250. We have contributed £320 to the No More Land Mines charity and many more smaller amounts to other deserving cases.

YOUR LETTERS

Lift the profile of Victorian heritage

Another tourist attraction under threat of extinction which, with TLC, could be an asset to a town trying desperately to improve its image.

When will the council see the benefits of such an attraction as the Leas lift?

A unique piece of Victorian engineering allowed to go to rack and ruin for lack of funds which should have been provided to preserve this unique piece of English Heritage.

Instead of sitting on their hands and doing little or nothing to improve the situation by bringing this piece of historical engineering heritage back to its pristine glory, council members should be trying to obtain funds from the Lottery, European Commission, the public, English Heritage and industry.

Perhaps this item should be listed. If it is to be allowed to die, the Leas lift could become a listed monument to local government ineptitude and failure to protect our heritage.

John Gamet
Keston

Race For Life: we thank you all

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I would like to encourage all women to please remember to return their sponsorship money so Cancer Research UK can continue to carry out its lifesaving work.

I have enjoyed an amazing

summer with your help and support. Now it's time for the new challenge.

This autumn, you can join men and women of all running abilities at Leeds Castle on Sunday, September 27, to have

fun, get fit and raise money to help beat cancer. You can enter now at www.run10k.org, but I will soon be sending out the details - so watch this space. Thank you for your support.

Natasha Etienne
Cancer Research UK

Who hose when ban will happen?

With the recent warm weather and suggestions it may get hotter in the coming weeks how long will it be before the next threat of a hosepipe ban comes along.

I know there wasn't one last year but this has become as unwelcome a feature of summer as the showing of Big Brother on Channel 4.

I'm sure it will only be a matter of time until water authorities say action is necessary to "preserve supplies" or some such nonsense.

Ian Ayres
by email

It's a pleasure to see the Coast

One of the best shows on TV at the moment is the BBC2 series Coast which features the best of the country's seaside towns.

Not unnaturally - because it has one of the longest coastlines in Britain - Kent is regularly featured on this show.

I enjoyed a recent programme on Whitstable and would like to say what a pleasure it is to watch Nicholas Crane and Neil Oliver and their informed views on history, geography, wildlife, the environment and heritage.

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normal ill-informed egotists who usually present programmes on TV.

Miles Broad
by email

I'm nonplussed about this Brüno character

Having recently watched the Brüno film I would like to say how much I admire some of those involved.

Not comedian Sacha Baron Cohen or his crew or the scriptwriters – the people who are his supposed victims.

Far from showing outright homophobia many seemed nonplussed to be confronted with a demented man wearing ridiculous clothing.

They didn't react in an aggressive way – well, apart from the wrestling crowd – they just seemed a little put out that this screeching loon had thrust himself on them.

I think anyone, hetero or homosexual, would probably feel much the same way.

Fiona McIntosh
by email

Expense increase is a costly decision

So it seems that Kent County Council are set to increase members' expenses. This could not have come at a worse time for the image of the local authority.

At a time when politicians are seen as money-grabbers with no

thought for the people they are meant to represent, this is yet another example of them being cast in the worst possible light.

Representing voters is not a job – it is something an incumbent should feel they do as they have a calling, a duty, or something to offer to make people's lives better.

No one would begrudge them money to make up for what they have to pay out of their own pocket.

But greater allowances could not make them seem more selfish or lacking in interest in being a true representative of voters.

Mike Carmichael
by email

Dine your way to a cancer-free life

A recent survey showed that more than 40 per cent of people do not know about the link between diet and cancer.

This is despite scientific evidence that what we eat affects our chances of developing cancer in the future.

This is why I am writing to let readers know they can reduce their cancer risk by eating plenty of a variety of fruits and vegetables and limiting the alcohol, salt and red and processed meat in their diet.

We're offering a free booklet of Guidelines for Cancer Prevention to the first 100 people who phone 020 7343 4205 and quote 'media'.

Lisa Cooney
World Cancer Research Fund

I'll be stumped if van Jaarsveld leaves

Whatever Kent Cricket Club does later this summer, it must keep the services of Martin van Jaarsveld.

Not only is he far and away the most consistent batsman in the team, but allowing him to move on would show the club is not serious about progressing in the future.

Philip Crossland
by email

Pollution shouldn't get the green light

What on Earth is going on in this country of ours?

We have some ridiculous idea of erecting a bloody awful-looking giant scarecrow in the wonderful countryside of Romney Marsh.

We have beautiful trees being felled with preservation orders on them.

We are seeing more and more traffic lights being installed, instead of having zebra crossings, which would be more environmentally friendly.

We have road junctions which could have roundabouts instead of lights.

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RC Priggen
by email

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Robin Wright Penn stars as Pippa Lee, a woman heading for a mental breakdown after moving to a retirement village with her older husband, who has an affair with her friend's son.

Magical superstar – or just a normal teenager?

■ BY KATE WHITING

AN EARNEST young actor bursts into the room, grabs my hand in a shake and says: "Hi, I'm Daniel".

But he doesn't need to make an introduction. Daniel Radcliffe has one of the most recognised faces in the world thanks to a certain boy wizard named Harry Potter.

In fact, after seven years playing JK Rowling's creation there can't be many places where the 19-year-old isn't known.

Dressed simply in a red shirt and jeans, Daniel scans the hotel suite in London with curiosity. But once he starts talking about something, the words just flow in a torrent of excitement.

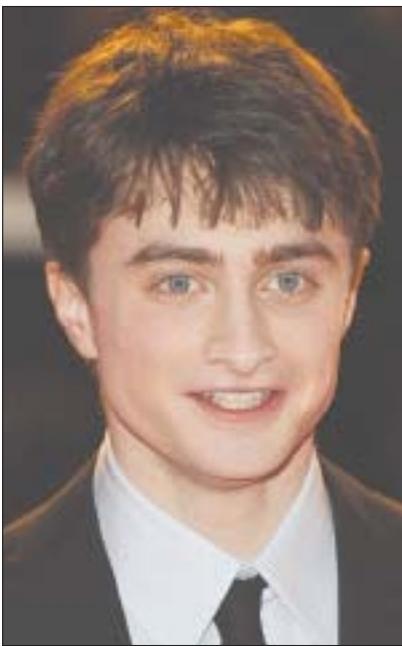
Harry Potter And The Half-Blood Prince, the sixth film in the highly successful franchise, once again pits Harry and his faithful side-kicks Ron Weasley (Rupert Grint) and Hermione Granger (Emma Watson) against dark forces.

With the evil Voldemort on the rise, the students at Hogwarts have to be ever more vigilant about who is among them.

Returning teacher Professor Horace Slughorn (Jim Broadbent) provides Harry with valuable knowledge about his former pupil Tom Riddle, a boy who would grow up to become a threat to the wizarding world.

There's also romance in the air, as Ron gets a new girlfriend, making Hermione jealous, and Harry kisses Ron's sister Ginny (Bonnie Wright) for the first time.

"It was weird, because I've known Bonnie since she was mine. When Katie Leung was brought in to play Cho (Harry's first love), we all knew she was going to be the love interest, but with Bonnie as Ginny, she was just



LOVE INTEREST: Harry Potter actor Daniel Radcliffe

brought in to play Ron's little sister, so it was kind of odd kissing her."

That said, Daniel claims he wasn't nervous about the scene. Partly because he had just been performing in a West End and Broadway production of Seventies play Equus, which involved getting his clothes off every night.

For all the fame and money – he reportedly signed a contract worth more than £25m for the final Harry Potter films – Daniel's

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a normal, if fairly intellectual, teenager.

During breaks from filming, he and Rupert play table tennis, or watch daytime TV and old war movies. He writes poetry in his spare time and stays in touch via letters.

Daniel and his co-stars are a few months into a 19-month shoot for the seventh and eighth films. The final book, Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows, has been split into two.

In his first post-Potter role, he's set to play photographer Dan Eldon, who was killed in Somalia, aged 22, in The Journey Is The Destination – funding permitting.

"It is a long way off at the moment, but it's potentially a very exciting thing for me."

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Pino Mazzamuto, who owns the business and has been in catering for 16 years said: "Our best-selling dishes are the fish ones.

"The food makes this restaurant unique as it is all, traditional regional cooking from Sicily.

"It is also a family-run business, which means we are able to keep up the traditional Italian welcome.

"We ensure a combination of excellent staff and service.

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As well as running the restaurant, Pino is



also the chef. He is very creative and often makes up new recipes – sometimes he even asks customers to try them out.

He added: "We are frequently complimented on the food we prepare and often customers will ask to meet the chef."

The restaurant can seat up to 50 people and staff can cater for any occasion.

There is an excellent choice of dishes which has lead to a large amount of repeat custom for the popular restaurant.

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Favourite dishes include steaks, both sirloin and T-bone and surf and turf which matches the meat with king prawns.

King prawns in garlic butter are also a great favourite.

The polite staff ensure they are attentive to customers and run a well-stocked kitchen and bar with all prices competitive.

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is a fine example of an English country pub.

The restaurant design allows for a warm and friendly setting with a log fire for winter and a conservatory for summer.

Pool and darts are played in the bar area and the pub is open all day from noon and food is available until 2pm every day and in the evenings from 6-9pm on Thursday and from 7-9pm on other days except for Sunday and Monday when the kitchen is closed.

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Classical violinist Nigel Kennedy will be paying tribute to legend Miles Davis at the Big Sky Jazz Festival

ONE of Britain's biggest classical stars will be visiting Margate as part of the Big Sky Jazz Festival.

Nigel Kennedy, the best-selling classical violinist of all time, will pay tribute to jazz legend Miles Davis at the Winter Gardens on Friday. It will be one of the highlights of the three-day festival, with exciting events taking place at venues in and around the town.

A leading violin virtuoso, Kennedy has won fans all over the world, bringing new audiences to the classical genre with his unique talent and fresh approach to both classical and contemporary music. As a child,

Kennedy became the most famous protégé of Yehudi Menuhin, who paid the promising youngster fees while he was studied at the Menuhin School. Kennedy moved on to study under celebrated teacher Dorothy DeLay at the Juilliard School of Music in New York, before exploding on to the music scene in the late 70s.

His impressive debuts include his 1977 performance at London's Royal Festival Hall, the Berlin Philharmonic in 1980 and his New York orchestral debut in 1987. During his long career Kennedy has performed for numerous members of the Royal family and received many accolades, such as Outstanding Contribution to British Music and Male Artist of the Year gongs at the Brit Awards.

From his first award-winning recording in 1985, Kennedy has created an extensive discography. His recording of Vivaldi's Four Seasons entered the Guinness Book of Records as the bestselling classical work of all time, with more than two million copies sold. In 2002 he was appointed artistic director of the Polish Chamber Orchestra, an office once held by his mentor, the late Lord Menuhin.

His passion for jazz is well-known, having produced the album Blue Note Sessions which featured a band of jazz giants such as Ron Carter and Jack DeJohnette. Currently he is working on a new album of original works with his quintet.

The Big Sky Jazz Festival is organised by Margate Town Partnership, with the support of Thanet District Council. It is now in its fifth year and the 2009 event has attracted some of Britain's most exciting jazz talents. Other key concerts in the festival line-up including performances by British jazz guitarist Mark Hewins and his trio, the original District Six South African band, Henry Lowther's Still Waters, Sarah Moule and Simon Wallace, Annie Whitehead's Big Sky Big Band, Lackadaisical Big Band, Christine Tobin Band and John Etheridge.

These great names will be performing live and free on the piazza throughout the weekend.

Tickets for Nigel Kennedy's concert cost £22.50/£11. To book, call 01843 292795/296111 or visit www.margatewintergardens.co.uk.

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A historic re-enactment by Bleriot XI aeroplanes, led by Mikael Carlson, will arrive at the Duke of York's Military



School between 6pm and 6.30pm on Saturday. Other highlights include appearances by a Spitfire, the Great War Display Team, the RAF Red Arrows and La Patrouille de France.

Dover seafront will be alive with exhibitions, refreshment outlets, live music and other entertainment. There will be even more on offer at the Duke of York's Military

School, which will host exhibitions, static and aerial displays and more during both days. A spectacular firework display will light up the sky over Dover harbour from about 10.15pm on Saturday.

Admission to the seafront is free. Tickets for the school cost £10/£5 for adults, £5 for children and £25 for families. For more information, visit www.dover2009.com.

JOE PASQUALE

Thursday, August 6
Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone



POPULAR comedian Joe Pasquale will be offering two hours of escapism in his new comedy show.

For his summer tour, Pasquale is following the great British tradition of visiting venues in seaside and holiday resorts to deliver some much-needed laughs. The show will include lots of magic, mishaps and music, while his trusty twin brother, Raynard, will also be making an appearance.

Another highlight will include a personal tribute to Nostradamus, to whom Pasquale claims he is related, and the comedian will be attempting to make some predictions of his own.

Pasquale has been delighting live audiences and appearing on television for many years. He became even more popular after winning I'm A Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here in 2004 and is a big draw for pantomime audiences. Last year he directed and starred in Peter Pan at Dartford's Orchard Theatre.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £17. To book, phone the box office on 0844 847 1776 or visit the website at www.leascliffhall.org.uk.



PUSSYCAT DOLLS AND MORE

Saturday and Sunday, July 25-26
Quex Park, Birchington



FROM American chart-toppers to a British wartime icon, two very different music events take place at Quex Park this weekend.

On Saturday, superstar girl group Pussycat Dolls will be rocking the stage when they headline the Sound Island Festival. These five stunning girls have entertained fans all over the globe with their worldwide Doll Domination Tour this year, including dates at London's O2 Arena, but now fans in Thanet can see them right on

their doorstep. X-Factor finalists JLS will also be performing, along with a line-up of other great bands.

The following day, music lovers can enjoy a more traditional concert with the Quex Spitfire Prom. Take a picnic and settle down to enjoy the event, which takes music from flying films for its theme in the first half. Highlights will include an aerial display by a Spitfire ML407 and the fantastic firework finale.

Tickets cost £32.50 for the Sound Island Festival and £27/£15 for the Quex Spitfire Prom. To book, phone 0115 912 9000 or 01843 296111/292795, or go online at www.gigantic.com.

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HUSBAND and wife duo Mixed Emotions will be bringing their chemistry to two pubs in Dover this week.

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Mixed Emotions will be appearing at the Park Inn in Park Place on Friday and the Sutton Vale Country Club in Vale Road, Sutton, on Saturday

Author puts her mark on Dover celebrations

KENT author Susan Pope will be joining the celebrations at Dover 2009 to sign copies of her book, Lighter Than Air.

The novel is set against the backdrop of the Hindenburg airship disaster in 1937. Pope will be selling and autographing books in the marquee at the Duke of York's Royal Military School.

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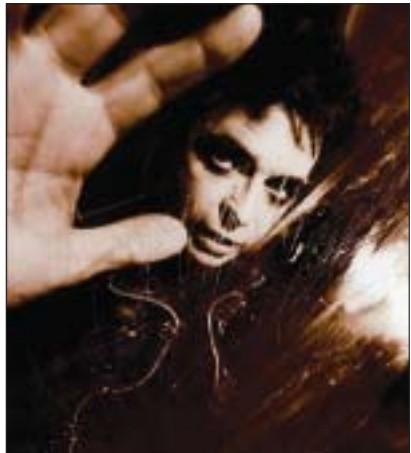
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Having already enjoyed the Hop Farm and Lounge on the Farm weekenders, next up we have the Hevy one-dayer, completing the trio of good events.

Take that Atomic Kitten.

The Folkestone beach event – taking place on Saturday, August 1 – features 25 bands and singers across three outdoor stages.

Among the biggest draws are British rockers Feeder, Ash and Hundred Reasons and 80s superstar Gary Numan.

The majority of the bill is dedicated to lesser-known, more obscure bands.

A Hevy Music Festival spokesman claimed this was their intention, saying: "There are

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

many fantastic new festivals being developed in Kent this year.

"Having grown up in Canterbury, it's great to see so much live music being offered in this corner of the UK. To try to create something a bit different, and cater for a market that we felt could do with some attention, we're developing this as an alternative music festival.

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"We're hoping to develop the event next year, with more bands on more stages, possibly over a number of days."

Tickets to the festival cost £48 and are available from www.hevy.co.uk or Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, the Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury, and the Winter Gardens, Margate.

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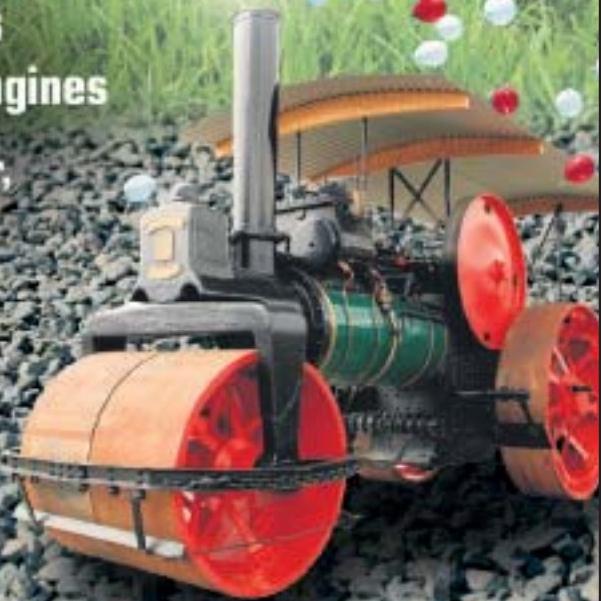
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YOUR TV REVIEW

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AIRLINE

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TORCHWOOD: CHILDREN OF EARTH

BBC One

I HATE flying, but I love Airline, the fly-on-the-wall show that follows the turbulent work lives of those who earn a living serving easyJet.

"It's not easy being green," sang Kermit the Frog many moons ago, but these workers could easily change that to it's not easy being (decked in) orange as the staff of the budget airline endure the vociferous bile that is usually reserved for paedophiles and killers.

There's a lot of shouting in this show – and I do mean a lot.

Much of the action centres on the check-in desks as people turn up late, without passports or often drunk as skunks and then expect to be let on to their flight regardless.

Airline is back for a 20-week run on ITV1, which means there'll be a lot of stamping of feet and rows in broken English.

Brilliant!

Arguments may be horrible things to be involved in first-hand, but they make cracking television.

There are lots of less interesting bits about the day-to-day operations, but really this is all about those "Get me on that plane, you mug" moments, and we thank it for that.

You have to hand it to the staff – many of them seem to have developed skin thicker than the Hoover Dam and rarely bat an eyelid when someone is up in their face hurling a stream of abuse their way.

I doubt many of us would be able to operate under such stress.

I've panned Torchwood in the past – and with good reason.

More often than not it's been awful



ALIEN INTERVENTION: Torchwood's recent storyline has proved the show is getting better

nonsense that seems to exist only as the reinvention of Doctor Who, which has been such a huge success.

However, I must admit that five-parter Children of Earth was actually rather good and had me hooked.

The acting was nothing to get too excited about, but the storyline, about a brutal alien race demanding ten per cent of the planet's kids to use as some kind of recreational drug, was a good and original idea which worked rather well.

Stretching it out to every weekday night may have been pushing it a bit far, especially at a whole hour per episode, but credit where it's due.

It bodes well for the next series, if they decide to make one.

If they don't, then it would be a shame finishing just as the light at the end of the tunnel had finally loomed into view.

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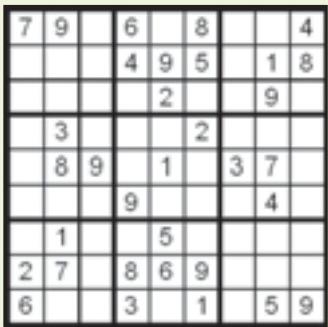
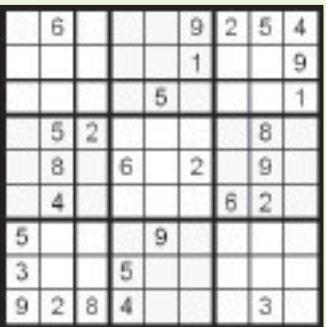
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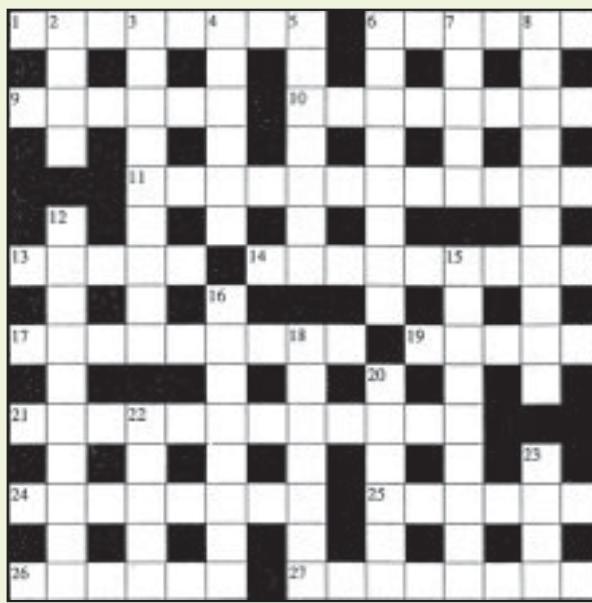
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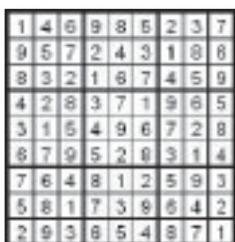
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- 3 Attack name included for pancake (6)
- 10 Number on phone about Greek general (8)
- 11 Direct speech? (8,4)
- 13 By which chauvinist might express annoyance (5)
- 14 Throw bullet from catapult (9)
- 17 Removed fault fast as it is windy (9)
- 19 Inexperienced environmentalist (5)
- 21 Rail-car? (7-5)
- 24 Woman who flirts on river in Northumberland, say (8)
- 25 Natural rind be removed (6)
- 26 Reach former nurse (6)
- 27 Saying vegetable in outer covering is good initially (8)
- 28 With skill profitably somewhat (4)
- 29 Were eyes in the back of the head used with this? (9)
- 30 Reptile found in sitting-room? (6)
- 31 Bird to grow beak! (7)
- 32 I leave German city with gin-sling chewing (8)
- 33 Drunkard came up to pocket billiard ball again (5)
- 34 Pretty girl perhaps is well-behaved observer (4-6)
- 35 Letter from William exchanging tuxedo (6-4)
- 36 Beast had three months with book, nothing less (9)
- 37 Distributed, dealt lot out (8)
- 38 Novelty of unworn cape (7)
- 39 I get in fancy light (6)
- 40 Note police going inside during suspension of hostilities (5)
- 41 Some who move inside have distinctive manner (4)

SCRIBBLE HERE**QUICK CLUES****ACROSS**

- 1 Control column (8)
- 2 Assent (6)
- 3 Secluded footway (6)
- 10 Large horned bird (5-3)
- 11 Vulnerability (12)
- 13 Pool (5)
- 14 Flu (9)
- 17 Misleading (9)
- 19 Pong (5)
- 21 Stallholder (6,6)
- 24 Disunion (8)
- 25 Carole (anag.) (6)
- 26 Chinese fruit (6)
- 27 Rebel (8)

DOWN

- 2 African antelope (4)
- 3 Pasta (9)
- 4 Breathe in (6)
- 5 Moscow citadel (7)
- 6 In an imposing way (8)
- 7 Remove dirt (5)
- 8 Reducing workforce (10)
- 12 Render unfit (10)
- 15 Amuse (9)
- 16 Terrapin (8)
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- 20 Skilful (6)
- 22 Town NW of Aberdeen (5)
- 23 Hint (4)

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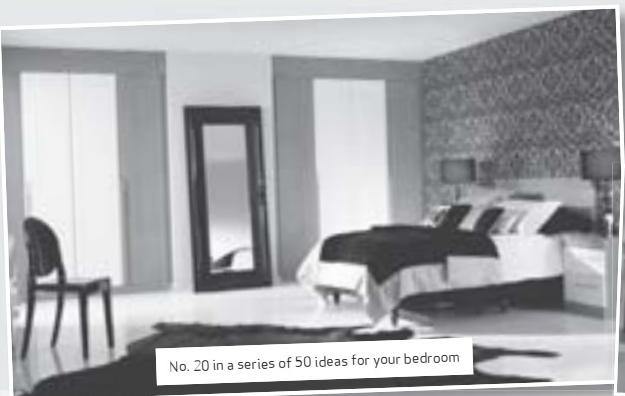
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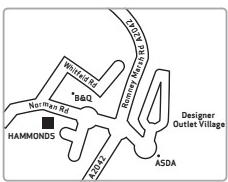
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THERE'S more to Egypt than the Pyramids of Giza and a trip deep into the western desert reveals one of its less well-known treasures.

A three-hour drive south from the coastal town of Marsa Matruh, and 350 miles south-west of bustling Cairo, Siwa Oasis is a dust-coloured settlement that has changed little in centuries.

But the 'oasis of a million palm trees' is more than a patch of green in an expanse of sandy desert. It boasts several ancient ruins, including the Temple of the Oracle (pictured) linked to Alexander the Great and its own 'mountain of the dead' containing ancient tombs.

The palm trees which give the city its name and are so important to the area that they cannot be chopped down. As a result, our hotel had several trees protruding through the dining room and up into the terrace where they cast a welcome shadow from the sun.

Unlike the Western bustle of Cairo, Siwa is a traditional place – the women are totally covered in public and there isn't a drop of alcohol to buy. However, they don't mind if you bring your own.

We headed out of town to see

■ BY EMILY BEAUMENT

some of the places originally settled by the Bedouin before they moved into Siwa, as well as the salt lakes and springs which rise like mirages out of the desert.

One of the highlights of the trip was the desert safari, where we stopped at an oasis lake for a swim, before heading to a part of the desert littered with the fossils of seashells dating back millions of years to when the Sahara was at the bottom of the sea.

We also went to Giza, where the crowds of tourists, the camel-ride salesmen and the security searches are as much a part of the experience as the Pyramids themselves.

Our Egyptologist guide dismissed a number of the theories about the Pyramids – including the belief they were built by slaves – but told us their dimensions were perfect for withstanding earthquakes. We got a chance to see belly dancing and whirling dervishes on a Nile cruise, which fabulously showed off the capital city by night.

It was a world away from the donkey carts and sunsets over the desert of Siwa, and hard to believe the two places were part of the same country – and the one trip.



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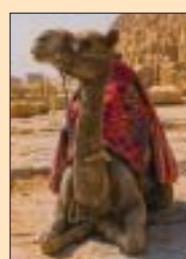
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Lender offers 125% to tackle negative equity

THE Nationwide Building Society is offering a 125 per cent mortgage, but it is only available to existing customers in negative equity who want to move house.

The UK's largest building society said it was a "niche offer" and not everyone in negative equity will be eligible.

These types of loans have been criticised in the past, and since the credit crunch have been withdrawn from the market altogether.

They were available at the height of the property boom and borrowers were immediately placed in negative equity once house prices began their descent.

The Financial Services Authority is considering restricting mortgage loans to 100 per cent of a property's value.

Meanwhile, under the Nationwide's new offer, borrowers would take out a loan for 95 per cent of the value of their new property at a fixed rate of 6.73 per cent for three years or 7.48 per cent for five years.

The interest rates for the additional borrowing, up to another 30 per cent, rise to 7.23 per cent and 7.98 per cent respectively.

First-time buyers get cash help from parents

CASH gifts and loans from parents and other family members are boosting the housing market for young first-time buyers.

Data from the Council of Mortgage Lenders says 80 per cent of first-time buyers under the age of 30 are likely to have received help from parents to make the 25 per cent downpayment now required by the majority of lenders, the council says.

In 2006, this figure was about 40 per cent.

However, figures are still down on similar statistics for 12 months ago, despite the rally.

Some 14,000 loans to buy homes were made to first-time buyers in May, up 2 per cent from April but still almost 30 per cent down on May 2008.

However, the data also suggests that lenders are no longer tightening their criteria when it comes to putting out money, a trend which has been evident since late last year.

Average loans to first-time buyers were almost three times income in May, the same as April, according to the findings.



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Recovery hindered by under-valuations

■ BY NICK AMES



OBSTACLE: Banks' surveyors have been accused of under-valuing properties in a bid to restrict lending

PEOPLE looking to buy a new home are being thwarted by banks offering mortgages below the builder's asking price, two of the country's largest homebuilders claim.

Barratt Developments and Redrow have accused banks of stalling the housing market's recovery by downgrading their valuations on new properties in a bid to restrict lending.

The activity means that househunters have to come up with more cash than they would normally need to complete purchases.

Redrow said the "widespread practice of downvaluation by surveyors representing mortgage lenders" posed a "major obstacle to the recovery of the housing market".

Having agreed a price with the prospective buyer, Redrow said deals were then being undermined when surveyors valued the homes at less than the asking price.

This meant that potential buyers could only get a mortgage for the valuation price, leaving them to either come up with a larger deposit or pull out of the sale.

Redrow, which saw completed sales slide 46 per cent to 2,113 in the 12 months to the end of June, blamed the gap in valuation for about two-thirds of its cancellation rate of 20 per cent as potential buyers were forced to give up on buying the property.

Steve Morgan, company chairman, said: "It's not happening all the time, but there are too many incidents of it. We're seeing a tremendous discrepancy over valuation."

Newly-built houses can be more expensive compared with older houses, but a Redrow spokesman said there were cost savings associated with newer homes, such

as included energy efficiency. The concern was echoed by Mark Clare, chief executive of Barratt Developments, who said the policy was creating a "two-scheme mortgage sector".

"Someone who has equity or savings might be able to manage, but a first-time buyer might be left in a situation where they can't proceed," he said.

He added that one of the key problems was surveyors comparing a new-build to an older house.

"We're not asking for new-builds to be valued at a premium, but for them to be valued appropriately," said Mr Clare. "If we can't get the right price, we will remarket the property."

Mr Clare added that the current situation was more buoyant and "dramatically different" to the autumn, when the company was trying to reduce stock and had to take what was being offered.

"We're now building to order," he said. Barry Hall, of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, said the initial builder's price was not necessarily a market valuation.

"If a surveyor values the house at less than the asking price, that's presented as a downvaluing, but that's a myth," he said.

He added that there was "nothing wrong" with lenders asking surveyors to value a house as second-hand rather than new, but added he was "not convinced" that the lender always made this clear to the buyer.

Mr Hall said there had been problems in the past with housebuilders adding incentives to the cost of a new house such as fitted carpets or a year's free groceries, masking the real price.

A spokesman for the Home Builders Federation said: "There is an issue with valuations and it's a concern to the industry."

"We are trying to work with the lenders, their representatives and the Government to find ways to improve the situation."

Signs of growing confidence

OPTIMISM in the housing market is rising in the South East as potential buyers continue to show interest, according to the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

A survey for June found that confidence is returning, thanks to a rise in price expectations, supported by low levels of stocks on surveyors' books and increasing buyer enquiries.

Evidence that activity in the housing market is picking up, albeit from very low levels, has increased surveyor optimism.

The net balance of surveyors in the region

expecting price increases rose, with 29 per cent expecting house prices to rise, compared with a negative reading of five per cent in May.

The rise in optimism has been driven by the continuing upturn in buyer enquiries and falling levels of fresh supply.

The survey also contains more definitive signs that the rebound in enquiries is now feeding thorough into increased transactions.

Sales rose again, with the average numbers of properties sold over the past three months rising to 12.7, up from 11.7 in May.

Jeremy Leaf, RICS South East spokesman, said: "Although the market is showing signs of improvement, it is unlikely that there will be a sustained recovery while mortgage lenders remain risk-adverse."

"A lack of supply on the market is providing a platform for modest price increases."

"While supply remains tight, the market is likely to show tentative signs of progress, but instructions are starting to increase and will dampen any serious improvement while economic conditions remain uncertain."

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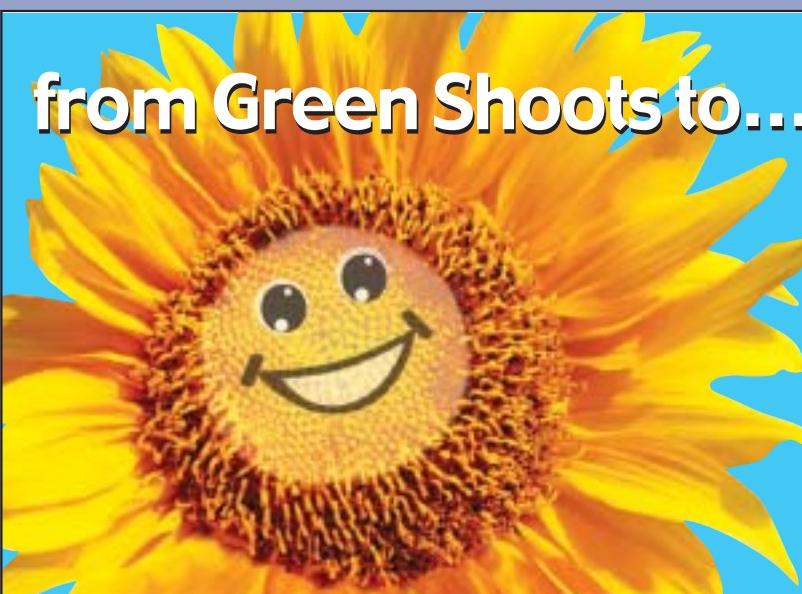


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Hi I'm Katie, caring, fun-loving, 5ft5, slim single mum of 2. Enjoy clubbing out and cosy nights in with genuine man. Box 453269 **T**

IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU BABY

Caring and honest lady, 25, blue eyes, blonde hair looking for a sweet, caring and respectful non-smoking man, 25-35, for love, friendship and LTR. Box 879522 **T**

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BROWN-EYED GIRL, BUT...

Blue-eyed brunnette, 27, 5ft1, loves films, watching, dancing, pool, singing, me time! Looking for honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105 **T**

YOURS AND YOURS ONLY

Attractive, down-to-earth British-Indian single mum, 29, WLTM white British male, 29-34, no ties, for long-term relationship. Box 883431 **T**

GIVE AND TAKE IN LOVE

Loving loyal female, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with male 30-35, fits, no baggage, in the Maidstone area. Box 448471 **T**

SEEKING MR Darcy

Warm, kind and sincere woman, 31, lots of love and loyalty for the right person, seeking an honest genuine man with a good heart. Box 451004 **T**

HORSES FOR COURSES...

Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5ft2, blonde likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 389401 **T**

HAPPY DAYS!

Attractive, fun-loving female, 31, 5ft4, size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTM intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734 **T**

IN THE COUNTRY

Are you the one? I'm 33, single, 5ft2, pure country lass from farming background, seeking my lovely country man to make me forever happy. Box 892265 **T**

GOOD LUCK CHARM

Sporty female, 34, 5ft2, likes the gym, beach walks, Tennis and cycling, WLTM similar male in his 30s for friendship in Eastbourne. Box 453712 **T**

A FAIRYTALE ENDING!

Princess Fiona, 34, looking to meet her Shrek, 5ft8, short brown/blonde hair, blue eyes, large build, seeks romantic caring guy for friendship, maybe more! Box 877957 **T**

FEAST YOUR EYES ON ME...

Hello I'm Andrea, 35, petite 5ft3, shoulder length curly hair. I enjoy eating out, cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 453039 **T**

SOULD GOOD?

Hello I'm 35, kind, caring and non-smoking, enjoy cooking, cinema, music, dining in and out, looking for that special someone to enjoy a relationship. Box 447539 **T**

SEALED WITH A KISS

Petite lady, 36, long hair, blue eyes, single mum, enjoys holidays, wine and dining, laughing, seeks loyal, loving man for friendship and more. Box 453079 **T**

STARRY NIGHTS

Hello I'm Sarah, single mum from Kent, brown hair enjoy swimming nights in/out looking for a caring man to share the best thing in life. Box 878378 **T**

GALLOP AHEAD!

Maidstone-based woman, 36, 5ft5, slim, blue eyes, I'm caring, honest and have 4 children, enjoy drives and horse riding and WLTM honest, reliable man. Box 453131 **T**



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BLONDE AMBITION

Bubbly, cuddly, blonde single mum, 39, 5ft6, likes cars, reading, pubs, cosy nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male for LTR. Box 905614 **T**

CUTE AS CAN BE

Cute single mum of four, 38, Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship, possibly romance. Box 897983 **T**

A SOUL MATE

Black Christian girl, 39, likes country music, loving, considerate, kind and caring, looking for a like-minded man, 32-50, with a pretty inside. Box 453066 **T**

ENTHUSIASM ENCOURAGED!

Lovely pretty big-busted lady, 39, medium build, 5ft5, lots of energy! likes the gym, reading, new experiences! seeking a nice man for potential exciting relationship! Box 446724 **T**

A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE

Lovely, glossy Brunette, 39y old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys the arts, music and eating out. WLTM a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551 **T**

PERFECT MATCH

Hi I'm Nikki, 5ft7, brown hair, green eyes, enjoys animals especially my pet. Looking for a tall man who has a personality compatible with mine. Box 453374 **T**

YOUNG-AT-HEART

Attractive 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, sees loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893 **T**

JOINED AT THE HIP

Sociable petite girl with great SOH, 40, blonde, sociable, love football! Looking for fun guy with great SOH for inseparable partnership. Box 880434 **T**

TO THE STARS

Woman with a great sense of humour, I'm 40 and I like going out, astrology, writing and socialising. How about you? Kent area. Box 453877 **T**

BETWEEN US

Asian lady, 41, single, no ties, out going, fun loving, professional, looking for a white male, genuine, professional and solvent. Box 451900 **T**

FOR A RELATIONSHIP?

Shy but confident once-known female, 40, likes socialising, tennis, swimming; sees gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106 **T**

THE WIT TO WOO!

Kent female, 40, 5ft7, dark eyes, GSOH, no ties, likes cosy nights in, socialising, country pubs, cinema, seeks loyal, caring male, for friendship & more. Box 152862 **T**

LIFE IS GIVING

Down-to-earth lady, 42, sincere, honest and reliable, looking for a male for friendship first, going out, enjoying evenings and perhaps something more later on. Box 449712 **T**

BELLA ISABEL

Lovely, fun and caring brunnette, 42, recently divorced, intelligent, hard working, fun-loving. WLTM a gent to socialise with. Box 872520 **T**

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL

Good-looking brunnette from Kent, 43, 5ft10, likes bowling, eating in/out etc. Looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with GSOH for friendship/relationship. Box 450348 **T**

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?

Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 443466 **T**

MAID MARIAN!

Smart petite female, 45, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair, green eyes, 46, looking for Mr Right, to have fun with and enjoy lasting relationship. Box 447986 **T**

SOUND GOOD?

Hi I'm Lynne 46, 5ft4, dark hair, green eyes, likes reading/writing, going out, astrology, cars, seeking honest, caring, outgoing guy to enjoy music, fun, friendship and more! Box 872520 **T**

FANCY A FILM?

Blonde female, 56, 5ft4, dark hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad, seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448793 **T**

CAN YOU PUT UP WITH ME?

Young-looking, hard-working 35yr old living in East Sussex. I am a 34, GSOH and enjoy sports, sky diving, drinks out, swimming. Box 873986 **T**

DO YOU HAVE THE BRAINS & THE LOOKS?

Professional, attractive female, 54, enjoys the countryside, gardening, keeping fit, reading and writing. Box 447953 **T**

THE GOOD LIFE

Blonde female, 54, 5ft3, medium build, likes walking, animals, countryside, places of interest, looking for an adventurous, fishy fellow to accompany. Box 450544 **T**

CAN YOU PUT UP WITH ME?

Hi all I'm 37, 6ft, blue eyes, brown hair and medium build, great cook and SOH, seeking similar lady to take out. Box 451503 **T**

I'M YOUR MAN

Hi I'm Dave, 37, 6ft, likes staying in and going out, cooking for a youngling female for friendship leading to more. Box 453105 **T**

CARING

Blonde female, 33, 5ft10, medium build, brown hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad, seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448793 **T**

DREAMS OF YOU

Genuine, caring lady, late 50s, slim & young looking, looking for a loyal, considerate, NS male for long term relationship. Box 448566 **T**

DIVORCED

Loving, kind, honest female, 58, 5ft6, interests include the countryside, old racing, walking, cycling, keeping fit, reading and baking. Looking for that special someone for life with. Box 387455 **T**

2'S COMPANY

Seeking gent, 48-50ish, I'm a divorced woman, in Ryde, 47, work in nursing and WLTM someone loving and faithful. I like meals out, theatre, arts, walks. Box 452503 **T**

LOOK THIS WAY!

Smart single mum, 48, 5ft5, light brown hair, works full time, friendly and easy-going, WLTM lots of new friends, hopefully some special. Box 878456 **T**

BE MY FRIEND AND LOVER

Bubbly, caring lady, 47, divorced with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal guy. Box 425952 **T**

ALL THAT I NEED

Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving, outgoing, 40s, NS, GSOH, music, holidays, going out, staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50. Aylesford. Box 428833 **T**

LOVE TO MEET YOU

Kind woman, 42, outgoing, happy-go-lucky, sometimes shy. I like gardening, socialising, travel, walks. Looking for happy, fun fella. Aylesford Box 428464 **T**

SHARE A BOTTLE

This is Diane, I'm 51, 5ft7, quite curvy, very social, honest and friendly. I work full-time and want to spend time with a nice man. Box 453370 **T**

PUT SPARK INTO LIFE

Caring slim female, 44, 5ft2, like meals out, cinema, walks, gardening and golf, looking for a kind and loving companion. Box 60-68. Box 450581 **T**

FOR YOUR LOVE

Caring, reliable, attractive male, 36, dark hair/blue eyes, NS, no ties. GSOH, sociable, seeks kind, down-to-earth, attractive female, for company and hopefully romance. Margate. Box 410659 **T**

A NEW LEAF

Genuine, caring male, loving and hardworking. Young 40, slim, 5ft10, blue eyes. WLTM a solo lady with similar interests. Kent. Box 453576 **T**

I'LL MAKE YOU SMILE

Keith from Kent, 40, two children, like walking, swimming, cycling, very fun-loving, looking for a girl with similar interests. Box 453111 **T**

FRIENDS FIRST

Caring, understanding chap, 40, 5ft7, blue eyes/brown hair, slim/average I'm easygoing, relaxed and like travel, music, film, restaurants, theatre days out, badminton. Box 451361 **T**

A NEW LIFE

Quite a little bit shy! widower, 41, loves cooking, WLTM older lady for a serious relationship. Box 452701 **T**

LOVE ON THE DANCEFLOOR

Outgoing, young-minded male, 47, smoker, likes war games, books, cinema, castles, places of interest, dancing, seeking similar woman to boogie on the dancefloor with. Box 448750 **T**

FUN AND MAYBE MORE

Passionate female, 37, new to town, WLTM passionate, genuine companions to socialise with, go out and have some fun, then what happens. Ashford area. Box 880564 **T**

LET'S BUILD A ROMANCE

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Margate, male, 52, easygoing, 5ft8, average build. I enjoy going out, meals out travel and hoping to meet someone special. Box 453763 **T**

TREAT YOU RIGHT

Fit and attractive male, 52, 5ft7, slim and keeps fit, likes art, reading, poetry, cycling, tennis, WLTM a woman of similar age for good times. Box 452598 **T**

FIT THE BILL?

Old romantic, 55, non-smoker, likes watching football, driving, holidays and romance! looking for a female who's genuine to share this and more. Box 452534 **T**

READY OR NOT

56yr old genuine, slim Scorpio male, 5ft8", dark hair, like watching tv, computer games, animals, walks, socialising, seeking attractive female for friendship/more. Box 453677 **T**

OPEN AND HONEST

45 year old man, 5ft10, medium build, looking to begin again. I'm romantic, solvent, down-to-earth, enjoy most things in life, seeking a LTR. Chatham Box 430228 **T**

YOUNG AT HEART

Good-looking, easygoing guy, 30s, slim, 5ft5, dark hair, brown eyes, slim/medium build, OHAC. I'm a plumber and WLTM woman only in Canterbury/Dover/Folkestone areas, someone slim/medium, with a GSOH. Box 453758 **T**

TAKE A CHANCE ON ME

57yr old widower, 5ft10, medium build, solvent, likes holidays, 80s music, theatre, animals, sports, looking for that special woman to share my life with. Box 451450 **T**

A SINCERE GENTLEMAN

MOTORS NEWS



Dealers offer an early sighting of Skoda Yeti

SKODA adds the completely new Yeti two and all-wheel-drive range to its line-up in September, but certain Kent dealers are offering sneak previews by using early production left-hand drive cars.

Sherlodge Garage of Gillingham plans a Yeti open day on July 30, while Adamsons of Deal is offering demonstration drives two days earlier on July 28.

The chunky looks are not just for show either; 4x4 Yetis have an off-road button to adjust the chassis and driving aids to boost grip and traction in tricky conditions.



Banger deal is worth £4,000 off new Leon

SEAT dealers have unveiled a stunning scrappage package worth as much as £4,000 off the stylish VW Golf-based Leon family hatchback.

Dover dealer, Hollis Motors confirmed a price of under £10,000 for the 1.6 S Emocion special edition this week, for anyone part exchanging a car at least 10 years old that they are willing to send for scrap.

The deal comprises a £2,000 discount under the Government-sponsored scheme plus a further £2,000 donated by the VW-owned Spanish marque.



Mini celebrates its big Five-Oh down at Bewl

BEWL Water, near Tunbridge Wells, aims to be a Mini mecca from July 31 to August 2 when the Southern Mini Owners' Club stages 'Golden Mini Days' – a celebration of 50 years of the motoring icon.

Attractions at the reservoir at Lamberhurst will include car displays, Minis on sale, workshop demos, races and wacky events such as 'Loudest Exhaust', trade stalls, music and lots of fun. Free camping is included in the admission. Go to www.southernminidays.co.uk or www.bewl.co.uk.



SMALL BUT PERFECTLY FORMED: Kia's Soul is an urban crossover which can be customised and personalised to suit the buyer, an option which rivals that of the Mini and Fiat 500

Kia's Soul wows drivers on more than just price

PRICE usually dominates any discussion about Kias.

Yet 'how much?' was not the first thing I was asked when driving the Korean marque's new Soul.

It helped that I was driving the eye-catching £14,995 top of the range Soul Burner 'Original' though, with its 'Quartz Black' paint complemented by roof rails, rear spoiler, red grille and door mirrors plus 18-inch black and chrome alloys. Oh, and there are dragon decals crawling across the car.

There's no respite inside: red highlights and dragon motif mats assault the eye while a 'soulful' sound system comes with 315-watt output, dash-top boombox and front door speakers that can light up or throb red to the beat.

All proof that Kia has found itself at last – the brand's name actually means 'to come out' in Korean – with this 'urban crossover' available with customisation and personalisation options to rival the Mini and Fiat 500 cult stars.

Brick-like styling is largely influenced by the SUV (sports utility vehicle) vogue of recent years, without the sheer bulk and waste of

ROAD TEST KIA SOUL

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STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal



Image



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extra motive power to the rear end.

A high lift tailgate accesses a huge boot with deep underfloor storage; fold the rear seats and you can cram the car to its high roofline – Kia claims it will take two mountain bikes.

The Soul is a deceptively tidy drive too with good levels of grip and a sporty nature yet decent ride, all helped by a wide track and long wheelbase.

You get the 4x4 high driving position and image without the heaviness and wallowing on the corners.

Engine choice is a 1.6-litre petrol or diesel with 124 and 126bhp respectively. The latter is smoother with more low-down punch and should average at least 10mpg more than its petrol sister. The nose feels weightier and better planted when pressing on too.

However, the diesel option adds a grand to the price of whichever model you choose.

On the other hand, there is no need to be miserly with prices from £10,495 plus a five-year unlimited mileage warranty and generous standard kit. For that you get a capacious and funky family motor at a supermini price – though don't expect supermini economy with such pugnacious styling.



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FORD MONDEO



ONCE the UK's favourite car, its fall from favour reflects changing tastes rather than the Mondeo's ability. The car's greatest weakness has been the bonnet badge – something the current generation car tries to overcome with Germanic quality and detail. Nevertheless, the previous car was well-built, superb to drive and incredibly spacious. Apart from the best-selling hatchback there is a saloon and one of the roomiest and best-looking estates in the sector.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

FAMILY CARS

THIS sector used to dominate the UK car market, but sales have been eroded by new categories such as the 4x4 sports utility vehicle and MPV and encroachment by upmarket compact executive models like the BMW 3-Series, which outsells Ford's former UK market leader, the Mondeo, in some months. Nevertheless, many second-hand car buyers still like the idea of a spacious, comfortable and more conventional family runabout and prices can be very affordable, so here are three popular and contrasting sellers based on ability and value.

CITROEN C5



CITROEN'S latest C5 is a stunner inside and out and lives up to ads suggesting that 'the Germans' may be worried. The old car was less of a threat, but never mind the looks – look at the prices. The original C5 has actually proved to be a reliable and great value used buy, with a pliant ride and loads of space; the estate is enormous for anyone needing to cart lots of stuff and diesels are the star buy.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

VW PASSAT



VW's previous Passat set a higher benchmark for quality and the new version raised the bar again. The German giant knows the best way to counter upmarket rivals, including sister marque Audi, was by upping the standard of the overall package, so the new Passat is more spacious, drives better than previous models and looks good. Factor in some of the best engines, petrol or diesel, choice of saloon or capacious estate, plus modest used prices and it looks irresistible.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
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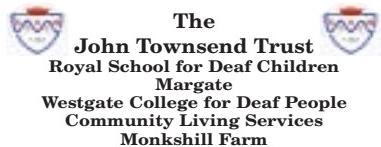
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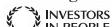
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CRICKET

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Kent Cricket League Division One

Hythe 1st XI v Sandwich Town 1st XI

A MARVELLOUS century partnership between Dan Furnival and Jon Smith saw Hythe leapfrog Sandwich Town and into Division One's promotion places.

The pair batted Hythe all the way to the finish, sealing a seven-wicket victory which boosted the hosts' hopes of back-to-back promotions.

Sandwich arrived at The Grove a point ahead of their opponents and well placed in their bid to bounce straight back to the top flight after relegation last year.

They made a reasonable start to their innings after being put into bat. Craig Snell fell for 14 but both David Scoggins and Robert Goatham looked well set for a big score until they both fell just short of 30. It was a common story as several of their team-mates made promising starts before getting out.

Rhys Jones top scored with 38 not out, but they could only set Hythe a modest 187 for victory.

Jack Bradley removed both Hythe's openers before they could do any real damage and when skipper Sam Butler was trapped leg before by Craig Spanton for just 1, Sandwich were on top.

But the visitors had not reckoned on a superb stand between Furnival and Smith. The pair steadily batted Hythe out of trouble and into a position of strength, both passing 50 in the process.

Sandwich eventually ran out of ideas and the target was reached with fully 13 overs to spare.

Century gives Hythe hope of back-to-back promotion



DARK HORSES: Hythe (batting) moved into second place with a comfortable seven-wicket victory against Sandwich

SCOREBOARD

Sandwich Town

	Runs
Craig Snell ct Perkins b Patching	14
David Scoggins ct Butler b Owen	29
Robert Goatham run out	27
Vishal Singh ct Perkins b Owen	9
David Draper ct Snee b Furnival	22
Rhys Jones not out	38
Tom Chapman ct Butler b Dwyer	17
Gavin Lawrence b Pearson	6
Craig Spanton not out	14
Matthew van Poppel did not bat	
Jack Bradley did not bat	
Extras (2b 6lb 2nb)	10
Total (7 wickets, 50 overs)	186
Bowlers	
Ben Dwyer	0 M 4 R 1 W
Daniel Patching	7 2 20 1
Patrick Owen	6 0 24 1
Jamie Hemphrey	6 3 20 0
Jago Pearson	12 1 35 1
Dan Furnival	4 1 21 1

Hythe

	Runs
Leon Morgan ct Snell b Bradley	30
Christopher Slein ct Scoggins b Bradley	13
Sam Butler lbw b Spanton	1
Dan Furnival not out	59
Jon Smith not out	70
Daniel Patching did not bat	
Richard Perkins did not bat	
Jago Pearson did not bat	
Ben Dwyer did not bat	
Jamie Hemphrey did not bat	
Patrick Owen did not bat	
Extras (5b 1lb 8w)	14
Total (3 wickets, 37 overs)	187
Bowlers	
Craig Spanton	0 M 2 R 1 W
Jack Bradley	12 2 49 2
Craig Snell	5 0 26 0
Matthew van Poppel	3 0 18 0
Robert Goatham	2 0 16 0
David Draper	4 0 22 0

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Ashford Town 1st XI v Folkestone 1st XI

FOLKESTONE moved well clear of trouble at the bottom with a four-wicket victory against Ashford Town on Saturday.

The hosts began well at Stacians Park, putting on 200 before Shannon Fattore was third man out for 77.

Ashford's only problem was a relative lack of urgency despite holding several wickets in hand.

Folkestone similarly enjoyed batting and Ashok Kadam played their key innings, hitting an unbeaten 78 as the visitors reached their target with an over to spare.

Ashford Town

	Runs
Matthew Lincoln	53
Liam Tegg	41
Shannon Fattore	77
Stuart Paine	42
Gary Sutton	5
Peter Shields	5
Craig Buckham	3
Andrew Maurice	did not bat
Gavin Hope	did not bat
James Rand	did not bat
Mohsin Raza	did not bat
Extras	(2b 2lb 3nb)
Total	7 (5 wickets, 50 overs)
Runs	233
Bowlers	
Michael James	0 M 1 R 2 W
Ashok Kadam	11 1 40 1
Andy Bray	10 0 48 1
David Miles	5 0 29 0
Thomas Cullen	9 0 43 0

Folkestone

	Runs
David Miles	47
Nick Graham	28
Ashok Kadam	not out
Daniel Clark	78
All Bray	0
Andy Bray	c & b Buckham
Thomas Cullen	46
Stuart Graham	b Raza
Michael James	21
Laurence Ward	not out
Luke Sage	not out
Extras	(2b 4lb 1w)
Total	7 (6 wickets, 49 overs)
Runs	235
Bowlers	
Andrew Maurice	0 M 0 R 0 W
Mohsin Raza	6 0 30 0
Liam Tegg	9 0 43 2
Craig Buckham	15 0 60 1
James Rand	14 2 66 2
Peter Shields	2 1 4 0
Matthew Lincoln	1 0 16 0

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

Walmer 1st XI v Rainham 1st XI

MARK Parnell's unbeaten half-century proved decisive as Walmer beat promotion-chasing Rainham by four wickets.

Rainham stumbled to 9 for 2, but Matt Goodwin (47) and James Austin (41) put them right back into the game. Despite a series of useful contributions, the visitors' total looked vulnerable.

Walmer, who went into the game just above the bottom two, grasped their opportunity for an upset. Parnell's 66 was instrumental and they reached their target with three overs to spare.

Rainham

	Runs
Jonathan Prince	1lbw b Butler
John Newton	.b Holiday
Matt Goodwin	.ct Butler b Butler
James Austin	41
Callum Mitchell	.ct Holiday b Butler
James Sherhod	.ct Morris b Butler
Chris Small	.not out
Stuart Chipperfield	.ct Butler b Huntley
Stuart Swaine	.ct Parnell b Holiday
Jordan Shersby	.not out
Matthew Newton	.did not bat
Extras	(2b 6lb 11w)
Total	198 (7 wickets, 50 overs)
Runs	198
Bowlers	
Paul Butler	0 M 24 1 W
Paul Holiday	12 3 52 2
Barry Green	4 0 22 0
Stuart Butler	13 0 49 3
Peter Huntley	13 2 41 1

Walmer

	Runs
Martyn North	.ct Shersby b Mitchell
Joe Wilcox	.b Sherhod
Peter Morris	.ct Austin b Mitchell
Jared Bond	.ct Austin b Sherhod
Mark Parnell	.not out
Martin Pearce	.lbw b Sherhod
Stuart Butler	.ct Austin b Mitchell
Paul Holiday	.not out
Barry Green	.did not bat
Peter Huntley	.did not bat
Paul Butler	.did not bat
Extras	(1b 12lb 5w 14nb)
Total	32 (6 wickets, 47 overs)
Runs	199
Bowlers	
Callum Mitchell	14 3 41 3
Jordan Shersby	2 0 12 0
James Sherhod	15 0 45 3
Chris Small	8 0 38 0
Matthew Newton	6 0 38 0
Jonathan Prince	2 0 12 0

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE

Old Wilsonians 1st XI v Bettleshanger Colliery Welfare 1st XI

BETTESHANGER Colliery Welfare dropped out of the top two in Division Five as they lost a low scoring game to promotion rivals Old Wilsonians by ten runs.

The visitors were well on top as they skittled Old Wilsonians out for 100. Andrew McNicholas (4 for 41) and Clive Towe (3 for 10) did most of the damage.

With such a low total to chase, Towe's run out for just 6 was extremely careless. Chris Garton (15) and Liam Collins (24) steered Bettleshanger towards victory, but a collapse saw them all out for just 90.

Old Wilsonians

	Runs
Rahul Malik	.ct Jones b A McNicholas
Rakesh Joshi	.ct Collins b M McNicholas
Suminda Balage Don	.ct Jones b Ferrell
Pasan Weeraratne	.ct Jones b A McNicholas
Michael Mitchell	.ct Jones b A McNicholas
Jayant Yewale	.ct Friend b A McNicholas
Ramakrishna Prabhu	.ct Friend b Towe
Richard Davies	.ct Jones b Towe
Laki Kasturiratne	.ct A McNicholas b Towe
Douglas Forbes	.ct Towe b Ferrell
Henry McGeever	.not out
Extras	(3b 3lb 2w)
Total	8 (all out, 372 overs)
Runs	100
Bowlers	
Andrew McNicholas	0 M 2 R 4 W
Michael McNicholas	7 2 20 1
Liam Collins	4 1 8 0
Clive Towe	8.2 4 10 3
Richard Ferrell	4 0 15 2
Extras	(2b 5lb)
Total	7 (all out, 40.3 overs)
Runs	90
Bowlers	
Paul Butler	0 M 24 1 W
Paul Holiday	12 3 43 2
Barry Green	4 0 21 0
Stuart Butler	13 0 57 1

Bettleshanger Colliery Welfare

	Runs
Clive Towe	.run out
Chris Garton	.ct Mitchell b Balage Don
Liam Collins	.lbw b Balage Don
Jayant Yewale	.ct Prabhu b Balage Don
Michael McNicholas	.ct Prabhu b Malik
Derek Towe	.lbw b Balage Don
Andrew McNicholas	.ct Yewale b Malik
Gareth Friend	.lbw b Malik
Martin Jones	.ct Prabhu b Mitchell
Steven King	.not out
Richard Ferrell	.run out
Extras	(2b 5lb)
Total	7 (all out, 41 overs)
Runs	90
Bowlers	
Callum Mitchell	17 8 20 4
Jordan Shersby	8 2 24 0
James Sherhod	15 1 20 1
Chris Small	8 0 38 0
Matthew Newton	6 0 38 0
Jonathan Prince	2 0 12 0

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1A

Deal Victoria & Barns Close 1st XI v Westgate-on-Sea 1st XI

DEAL Victoria struck a blow to one of their rivals in the promotion race as they beat Westgate-on-Sea by 79 runs.

Mark Birkett and Matthew Carley laid the foundations for a decent score with half-centuries before David Gibb blasted 74 from just 66 balls as the hosts posted 237 for 7.

Westgate stumbled to 5 for 2 and despite 54 from Keith Sandwell they never really got their run chase going. Stephen Moran and Charles Mailli took three wickets apiece in a comfortable victory.

Deal Victoria & Barns Close

	Runs
Andrew Furness	b Flint
Mark Birkett	.st K Sandwell b Andrews
Charles Mailli	.b Andrews
Matthew Carley	.ct L Winch b Flint
Robbie Branman	.ct A Winch b Mickle
David Gibb	.not out
Andrew Miller	.ct L Winch b Mickle
Sam Killip	.st K Sandwell b Heathcote
Stephen Moran	.did not bat
Scott McNamara	.did not bat
Graham McNamara	.did not bat
Extr	(5lb 9w 5nb)
Total	19 (7 wickets, 46 overs)
Runs	237
Bowlers	
Chris Flint	0 M 2 R 2 W
Brian Andrews	12 3 43 2
Jason Mickle	11 0 21 0
Richie Holden	3 0 57 1
Ross Heathcote	8 0 57 1
Extras	(1b 1lb 8w)
Total	10 (all out, 41 overs)
Runs	158
Bowlers	
Scott McNamara	0 M 0 R 2 W
Stephen Moran	9 1 35 3
Graham McNamara	12 2 33 1
Charles Mailli	9 3 42 3
Sam Killip	5 0 18 1

Westgate-on-Sea

	Runs
Lewis Winch	b S McNamara
Keith Sandwell	.ct S McNamara b G McNamara
Chris Flint	b S McNamara
Nick Sandwell	.ct Killip b Mailli
Steve Wood	.lbw b Mailli
Alan Winch	.st Furness b Mailli
Nick Baxter	.ct Moran b Killip
Richie Holden	.lbw b Moran
Brian Andrews	.ct S McNamara b Moran
Jason Mickle	.not out
Ross Heathcote	.ct S McNamara b Moran
Extras	(1b 1lb 8w)
Total	10 (all out, 41 overs)
Runs	158
Bowlers	
Scott McNamara	0 M 0 R 2 W
Stephen Moran	9 1 35 3
Graham McNamara	12 2 33 1
Charles Mailli	9 3 42 3
Sam Killip	5 0 18 1

Could Invicta be close to a takeover?

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TAKEOVER: Folkestone Invicta's players have fresh hope at last

THE end to Folkestone Invicta's financial troubles could finally be in sight with a consortium hoping to complete a takeover in the next week.

The Seasiders have entered administration in order to allow the takeover to go through, incurring a ten point penalty for the team. The new group consists of former Ashford Town chairman Mark Jenner, Lynn Woods and Brian Merriman, who have both been board members at the club.

Jenner acted as a consultant last season after the club revealed the scale of their debts in October and is glad to finally be making progress.

He told Yourshepway: "I told the club months ago it was hopeless and they needed to cease trading, that's why I parted company in January because I didn't see any alternative."

"Hopefully things will move forward this week with a view to hav-

FOOTBALL

ing everything settled and in place by the start of the season."

The fate of the club is in the hands of the administrator, who must now write to the club's main creditors. Invicta's biggest debt is to the Inland Revenue in unpaid taxes, believed to be around £100,000, with a further £70,000 in separate arrears.

If a deal can be finalised the debts would be cleared and the trio would form the basis of a new board. Despite the existing debts, Jenner believes the club is viable long term.

He said: "What's dragging it down is the legacy debts from years ago. We either make this work or there's no Folkestone Invicta."

On the pitch, Folkestone beat Thamesmead Town 1-0 on Saturday thanks to a goal from trialist Lee Radford.

CATCH OF THE DAY



October weather could be a blessing

By TONY HILLS, a keen beach and boat angler with 50 years' experience fishing Dungeness and District and vice-chairman of the Dungeness Angling Association

THIS week it all depends on the weather.

Yes, we have October conditions. At the time of writing we have forecasts I would love in October, low pressure, with south westerly winds force seven to eight with gaps in between. Combined with a rising tide sequence this could give cracking conditions, with tides peaking at 8.1 metres in Dungeness on Friday. If you can get down after a 'blow' especially low water on the point, you could get a few surprises.

PIRATE SPRINGS AND LITTLESTON: With this weather forecast you can fish after dark over high water and the wind would be on your back. Whiting should be the main feature here.

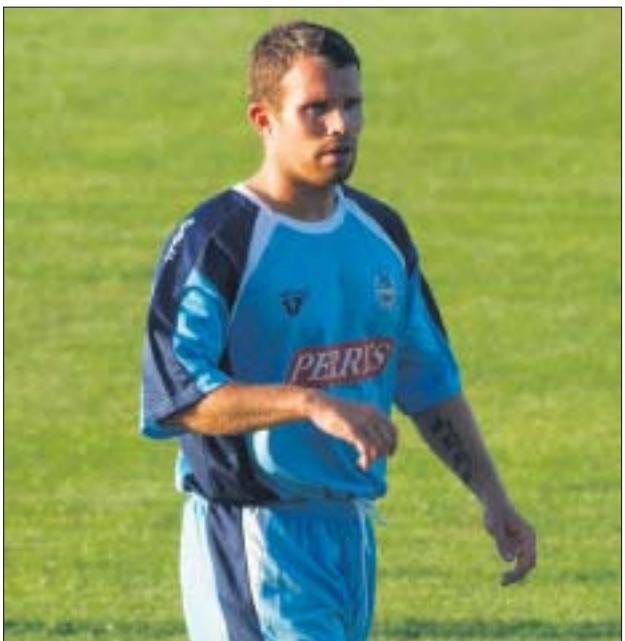
BACK OF THE BOATS: On the EA road to the point this will be the most comfortable place to fish with the wind coming from behind. Last week some decent sole were caught and some big dabs. The only risk is the weed.

DUNGENESS: I will stick my neck out and say the 'cod' word. I will be very surprised if I don't get a few 'unusual' or unseasonable reports this week while bass could be magic.

DENGEMARSH & GALLOWAYS: After a south westerly blow there are no better bass surf beaches. One of my regulars fishing at Galloways had 16 bass at two to four pounds in one session.

JURY'S GAP: Again it should be bass in the surf but it could be difficult in these weather conditions if the wind really blows.

BOAT FISHING: If the boats can get out this week, water will be well coloured with these weather conditions. Local dinghy anglers could do a lot worse than fishing rough ground at the East Roads. If the wind allows the charter boats to get afloat they will keep going to the Bullock Bank or rough ground around the CS3. Black bream should be moving in, the rough ground around the 'Annie Oakley' just off the Roar Bank could produce.



INTENT: Striker Adam Birchall (left) has already made an impact at Crabble with a goal on his debut and he could be joined by Nicky Southall if he signs this week

Birchall gives big boost to Whites' attacking options

FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

NEW signing Adam Birchall gave Dover Athletic fans a glimpse into the future with a goal on debut and Andy Hessianhaler believes the capture is a signal of intent to the Conference South.

The former Barnet striker joined the club last week and didn't waste time opening his account, scoring against Maidstone United in a 3-1 pre-season victory.

Bringing the 24-year-old striker to Crabble has significantly boosted the Whites' attacking

options. Although the club are preparing for their first season in the Conference for six years, the Dover boss is ruling out a year of consolidation.

He told Yourdover: "Adam's goal was great. It was a great finish and I have seen him do that many times at Barnet. That is what he brings to us. We are working hard to build a squad which we believe can compete in the Conference South."

"People are making us favourites and as far as I am concerned I am not looking at that. We have to just concentrate on ourselves. The word consolidation is not in my book. We are going out there to compete and have a right go. If we can get a good momentum going early on then we will have a real chance of winning the league."

Hessianhaler's Whites were back in action on Saturday with a lacklustre 1-0 defeat

against Ryman South side Sittingbourne. Former Gillingham favourite Nicky Southall was again in the starting line-up to boost hopes he will sign permanently, but there was little else for Whites fans to get excited about.

French trialist Augustine Biaye did not feature but after a decent showing at Maidstone and in a 2-1 defeat to Croydon on Thursday he interests Hessianhaler.

He said: "He got off the plane at 6pm [last Tuesday] and to be fair to him I thought he did okay. If he had scored the long range shot he had I think I would have asked the chairman to get his cheque book out. He has definitely got something to work with."

Dover were at home to Hayes & Yeading last night. Log on to www.yourdover.co.uk for the report. They visit Herne Bay tonight ahead of Saturday's home game against Wycombe Wanderers.

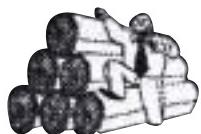
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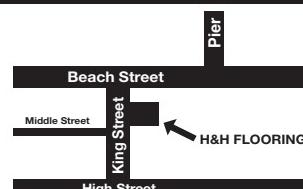


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When you're cooking on a barbecue, make sure you:

19. Place your barbecue on a level surface, away from plants and trees.
20. Cover the bottom of your barbecue with coal to a depth of no more than 5cm (2in).
21. Use only recognised firelighters or starter fuel, and then only on cold coals.
22. Wait until coals are glowing red with a powdery grey surface before you start cooking.
23. Wash your hands every time you touch raw meat and keep it separate from other foods.
24. Properly thaw frozen meat before you cook it.
25. Turn meat regularly and move it around the barbecue to cook it evenly.
26. Remember that meat is safe to eat only when it is piping hot in the centre, there is no pink meat visible and the juices are clear.
27. Keep prepared food in the fridge wherever possible and don't leave it out in the sun.

Avoid bringing back the worst kind of souvenir

A sexually transmitted infection (STI) or unintended pregnancy can be the worst kind of souvenir to bring home. Last year, more than 2,500 sexually transmitted infections were diagnosed in east Kent genitourinary medicine clinics.

28. Always buy a pack of condoms in addition to your normal contraception.
29. Vomiting, diarrhoea, and some medicines, including some antibiotics and some anti-malaria drugs can make the contraceptive pill and some contraceptive implants less effective so always use a condom to help protect against pregnancy and STIs.
30. Only buy condoms with the CE mark on the packet.
31. Keep condoms away from oil-based products such as suntan lotion, baby oil and lipstick.
32. Store condoms in a cool, dry place.

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A real stinger

For most people, stings and bites from insects are painful but harmless. However, if you also experience symptoms anywhere else you may be having an allergic reaction and should seek emergency medical treatment.

33. Remove the sting as soon as possible with your fingers or tweezers.
34. Bee stings have a poisonous sac so take care not to puncture it as you remove the sting.
35. Wash the area with soap and water.
36. Put a cold flannel on the area.
37. Raise the part of the body that has been stung or bitten to prevent swelling.
38. Use a spray, or cream, containing local anaesthetic or antihistamine on the affected area to help prevent itching and swelling.
39. Take painkillers, such as paracetamol (if the sting or bite is very painful).
40. Don't scratch the area, as it may become infected.
41. Consult your GP if redness and itching does not clear up after 48 hours.

Have fun outdoors in safety

Summer is a great time for children to get out and experience the world around them. You do need to be aware of safety issues, but this isn't a reason to stop children enjoying activities.

42. Nominate a responsible adult to supervise the children at parties and barbecues.
43. Make sure one adult stays sober to supervise the children.
44. Ask hosts to place medicines and cleaning products out of sight and out of reach.
45. Check the garden regularly for potential hazards, such as tools, ponds or water butts.
46. If children are around barbecues, watch that they don't get too close to hot surfaces.
47. Protect your child from the sun.
48. Be safe around water with your child.
49. Consider taking a first aid course.
50. Follow all these simple steps and you'll be guaranteed a fun and action-packed summer in the sun.

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